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PINK MAN (secret identity Michael Maxfield) made a grand entrance at the kick-off party for the Solano Avenue Stroll Aug. 10. Riding in on a unicycle, he grabbed the hand of Transit Man, (aka Jason Meggs), right, and circled around the lobby of the Wells Fargo Bank.

## Kickoff offers sneak peek at Solano Stroll 2000

By Clare Curley

STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — It's not often you find bankers, yo-yo artists and aging environmentalists mingling at the same gathering. The Solano Stroll's kickoff party last Thursday at Wells Fargo Bank on upper Solano Avenue was an exception to the rule.

The party gave a taste of what to expect at the 26th annual Stroll, which starts at 10 a.m. September and continues throughout the afternoon.

This year's theme — "Local Legacies" — drew some 40 people out of the woodwork of Berkeley, Albany, Berkeley, Richmond and elsewhere. Those who selected the legacies contributed write-ups honoring the residents for the ways they have contributed to their communities over the years, with deeds ranging from anecdotally inexplicable.

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The Solano Stroll was accepted into the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. last year after Congresswoman Barbara Lee submitted it as part of a library's search for cultural events that represent districts nationwide.

This year the Solano Avenue Merchants Association, which sponsors the yearly event, applied the same idea at the local level.

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spread of sandwiches, focaccia, fruit and other dinner items that were donated from Solano's many restaurants.

But the party centered on speeches written in honor of the local legacies. Not surprisingly, many of the residents' names were immediately recognizable for their involvement spanning decades in the Berkeley area.

Several nominations were of a political nature, such as longtime activist Ann Fagan Ginger. The former member and chair of the Berkeley Peace and Justice Commission was a promoter of the free speech movement in the early 1960s, an active protester of the Vietnam War and was involved in the KPFA protests, to name a few of her countless endeavors.

Conservationist Tim Gordon, aka Ranger Tim, who founded the Junior

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## Advisory group will help guide EC finances

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — It looks like the FAB Five will be coming to El Cerrito.

The Services for the 21st Century Committee of the Whole recommendation that the city create a Financial Advisory Board (FAB) to advise the City Council on fiscal matters was well received by the council last week.

The CotW recommendation calls for a five-member FAB "to provide objective ongoing analysis and advice to this and future councils/agency boards regarding the city and agency budgets and related financial issues."

It was presented to the council by CotW Co-chair Al Miller, former CotW Financial Review Team chairman Steve Magary, and current financial review chairman, George Amberg.

The CotW concludes the city needs

ongoing, objective forecasting and analysis of its near-term and long-range financial requirements," the report states. "This will allow the council/agency board to make informed and balanced decisions about fiscal matters."

The committee's recommendation states the FAB should have "complete access" to the city and Redevelopment Agency financial data and to the bases for financial projections of all projects, except as prohibited by law.

"To be effective, this board must be an objective analytical group without political biases or policy making responsibilities," the recommendation adds.

The functions of the board could include reviewing proposed expenditures with an eye on anticipated revenues, reviewing maintenance and repair proposed expenditures, reviewing financial aspects of proposed expenditures for new Redevelopment Agency projects and providing financial analysis to other city bodies as directed by the City Council.

The CotW said the council could limit appointees to no more than two full terms and suggested that each City Council member appoint one member of the five-member FAB.

"Only candidates with professional level expertise in financial management,

If your name is Lois, be assured you're not alone

By Joaquin McPeek

STAFF WRITER

What's in a name?

To many, it may not be a lot, but for six Bay Area women, there is a special bond that ties them together thanks to their namesake.

Sitting by the Berkeley Marina, they proudly don name tags, each holding a letter card, that when placed side-by-side reveal their common thread.

Welcome to the Lois Club.

There they stood, Lois Barnes, Lois Atkinson, Lois Lynch, Lois Okerstrom, Lois Gilbert, and Lois Brown, all proud to have a name all but forgotten in a world of Brittanys and Christinas' that blanket the name log of today's generation.

In fact, the last time the name Lois was even considered a popular choice, Benny Goodman reigned supreme, Babe Ruth was still racking up home runs, and the New Deal was still a twinkle in FDR's eye.

In the 1930's, Lois ranked 18th in the Social Security Administration's top 100 names for births.

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## Office park proposed for parcel near I-80

By Kate Darby Rauch

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The new owner of a 10-acre tangle of grass, brush and trees near Interstate 80 plans to turn the site into an eco-friendly office park.

"We view this as a good model for the new millennium. It's designed to be an environmentally sensitive project," said Denise Pinkston, a project manager with the Martin Group, the San Francisco-based developers who bought the site from Union Pacific Railroad in June.

"We want to coexist with the natural environment and actually enhance it."

The developers informally presented the idea last week to the Planning Commission. They plan to submit a formal project application to the city in the fall.

One question lingering over the project is the future of the city's redevelopment agency. The property — behind

Eastshore Frontage Road between Gilman and Buchanan streets — falls within what city officials hoped would be Albany's first redevelopment zone, a proposal that has been stalled by the courts since last year.

The Martin Group project calls for constructing three, three-story buildings within a campus-like setting, surrounded by trees, grass and gardens. Most parking will be underground.

"Something like 30 percent of the site is devoted to landscaping," Pinkston said.

The design also would highlight two urban creeks running through and near the site. There would be a 100-foot buffer zone between buildings and Codornices Creek, which forms the border of the site at the Berkeley line. Community or city groups are welcome to restore Codor-

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## 3 file for vacated Albany council seat

By Clare Curley

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Three residents will vie for a two-year seat on the City Council that was added to the November ballot after council member Ed McManus announced his resignation last month.

They are local Realtor Rita Smith, Albany Sports Camp director Norm Friedman and former city intern Mario DiPrisco.

Friedman, a first-time filer, admitted, "I'm new to the politics here." An Albany resident of nine years, he cited recreation, fields, parks and "the implementation of better programming" as his prime interests.

"Other than that, I don't have a lengthy agenda," he said.

As it turns out, the interim seat will

provide the only race in this election. Mayor Jon Ely and council member Peggy Thomsen, who have each completed a term, each filed for a second four-year term.

A third four-year seat will likely be filled by longtime Berkeley and Albany activist Jewel Okawachi filed for the remaining seat now held by Robert Good, who has served the two-term limit.

Okawachi is known for her involvement in the Albany Chamber of Commerce, Police Activities League, Albany School Board, Albany Education Foundation, Albany Coalition of Teens and the Albany Senior Center.

The only seat not up for election is held by Allan Maris, whose term is up in

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## Lois: common denominator



THE LOIS CLUB: Lois Okerstrom (top, holding the 'L'), Lois Lynch (with the 'O'), Lois Barnes (next to Lynch), Lois Gilbert (with the 'I'), Lois Atkinson (with the 'S') and Lois Brown (sitting).

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE

## WORTH CHECKING OUT

## El Cerrito High open soon

El Cerrito High School's first day begins at 8:15 a.m. Monday, Aug. 28 — one day earlier than other West Contra Costa schools start. Registration dates and times are: ninth grade — 8:10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23; 10th grade — 9:10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25; 11th grade — 9:10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25; 12th grade — 1:20 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23. All students register in the cafeteria. ID pictures will be taken during registration. Ninth grade orientation is 10:30-12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, in the gym. A completed emergency information card and the signed personal conduct/behavior policy sheet form are the "ticket" to enter registration. These forms are in last week's school registration mailing. Information about the purchase of physical education clothing, yearbooks, activity cards and postage for mailing is in the registration mailing as well. This information will also be available on registration day.

## Contra Costa Chorale

Do you love choral music? Have you sung in a chorus before and would like to start singing again? Come sing Mendeissohn's "Elijah" with the Contra Costa Chorale beginning Monday, Aug. 21. Rehearsals are from 7:15-9:45 p.m. at the Hillside Community Church, 1422 Navelier St., El Cerrito. No auditions required. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to sing beautiful music with friendly people, just come to a rehearsal or phone 510-527-2026 for more information.

## Yo-yo, juggling, reading

The Kensington Public Library's summer reading program ends with "The Keith Show," an evening of juggling, yo-yo and contortionist tricks to be presented at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, at the library, 61 Arlington Ave. The show is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. Reading program participants who will have a chance to win the art farm that has been on display. Details: 510-524-3043.

## 'Rivals' at Masquers

The Masquers Playhouse of Point Richmond presents "The Rivals," by Richard

Brinsley Sheridan, at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays from Aug. 25-Sept. 30. Saturday matinees are at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 10, 17 and 24. The play is one of England's great comedies. Its witty dialogue and classic comic characters — such as Mrs. Malaprop, who often uses the wrong word — makes this a hilarious evening. Tickets are \$10. For reservations call 232-4031.

## Sierra Club meeting

The topic of the West Contra Costa County Sierra Club meeting for August is "Green Waste and Other Great Ideas." The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. in El Cerrito (across from the high school). In 1989 state legislation required each city to divert 50 percent of its solid waste from landfills by the end of 2000. How is West Contra Costa County doing? Nicole Angiel, waste prevention program manager of the West Contra Costa County Integrated Waste Management Authority, will discuss her agency's programs, including handling of household hazardous waste, recycling, and the recent program for picking up and composting yard waste.

## Curbside additions

Curbside collection of mixed paper and magazines begins in El Cerrito Tuesday, Sept. 5. This addition to the curbside recycling program is intended to help further reduce household waste sent to landfills. Details on the curbside recycling program will be mailed to homes this month. In the meantime, the city reminds residents that the El Cerrito Recycling Center accepts mixed paper and magazines year-round.

## Commuter ferry

Local riders of the Richmond-San Francisco ferry service note that the commute alternative is in danger of being canceled and urge fellow local commuters to become patrons of the service so that operators will consider continuing the route. They point out the availability of secure, lighted parking and the chance to meet fellow passengers on a relaxing commute that comes complete with snack bars and tables. Bicycles are welcome. (Purchase tick-

ets on board the boat.) From the El Cerrito Plaza BART station, take Central Avenue to Interstate 580 west, exit Harbor Way south, turn right on Cutting Boulevard, and turn right on Harbor Way south to Ferry Terminal. Details: Red & White Fleet, 510-464-1030.

## Aquatic club reunion

The Vallejo Aquatic Club is holding a reunion for 31 years and is seeking past members to notify about this event, which will be held from 10 a.m. to park closing time Saturday, Sept. 16, at Blue Rock Springs in Vallejo. Bring your own food, beverages and table service. Contact past coaches Gordon and Debbie Johnson at 925-691-4823 or e-mail them at johnsons7@jps.net.

## Recorder players

The East Bay Recorder Society begins its new year at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, in the choral room at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. in Berkeley. Society meets monthly, all playing levels welcome. Bring recorders and music stand. Professional conductor, Cal Glen Shannon at 510-525-1249 for more information.

## Transit corridor options

A meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Berkeley-Oakland-San Leandro Major Investment Study and a special meeting of the AC Transit District board have been scheduled to discuss the potential transit corridor alternatives of the proposed project. The meeting is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 Ninth St., Suite 290, Oakland. Details: Jim Cunradi, MIS project manager, 510-891-4841.

## Computer-buying seminar

In the market for a new computer but don't know where to begin? Laptop or desktop, PC or Mac, hardware and software — learn what you need to know at the BCS Center for Computer Learning's free seminar, "How to Buy a Computer," from 9:10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at 1700 Solano Ave., Suite A, Berkeley, before you go shopping. To preregister or for more information, call Bruno Consulting Services at 510-526-5666.

By K. Osborn  
CORRESPONDENT

## Report: ex-boyfriend attacks woman

## STAFF REPORT

EL CERRITO — A 30-year-old man reported that his ex-girlfriend, a 35-year-old El Cerrito woman, has been writing cash advance checks on his credit cards since 1999, totaling nearly \$20,000.

■ An elderly El Cerrito man was found after a San Francisco woman reported him missing two weeks ago. The 86-year-old man suffered from dementia and blindness, according to the report.

■ The Longs Pharmacy at 10650 San Pablo Ave. was the target of two recent shoplifting incidents.

On the afternoon of Aug. 7 two youths were stopped for trying to steal merchandise, and several weeks earlier, a 44-year-old man was arrested for attempting to steal 19 packages of Energizer "AA" batteries from the store. Police said the man attempted to fight the security guards who stopped him and fled the scene but was unsuccessful.

■ On Aug. 6 an anonymous person told police that a 37-year-old El Cerrito woman was "stumbling drunk" in a public place. Police allegedly found the woman barely able to stand while holding on to a power box, with a bloody knee and pants soiled with urine.

■ The night of Aug. 3 a 22-year-old man pulled over at the intersec-

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tion of Richmond Street and Willow Avenue for speeding was arrested for driving under the influence, according to a police report.

■ Two days later a 46-year-old man was determined to be intoxicated while driving a car with a flat tire at the intersection of MacDonald Avenue and San Pablo Avenue. That day another man received a DUI near the corner of San Pablo Avenue and Cutting Boulevard.

■ The morning of July 29 a lawn mower worth \$175 was stolen from the storage area of a house on the 2300 block of Mono Avenue.

■ On the afternoon of Aug. 1 a 13-year-old was allegedly forced off his bike at the Castro School playground. Two teens who witnessed the incident said the suspect, who made off with the yellow, red, black and blue GT-racing bike, was a 20-year-old black male with a shaved head and small stud earring in his left ear, wearing a navy blue jacket and navy blue pants and white "K-Swiss" tennis shoes.

■ The afternoon of July 28 a 23-year-old El Cerrito woman was attacked by an ex-boyfriend in her home, police said. The 21-year-old man allegedly punched her, stran-

gled her and then fled the shower.

El Cerrito police said any injuries and the woman's condition were not available. Still, the department's "mercy order" temporary order, which would have protracted her stay in the hospital, could not be obtained.

■ Early the morning of July 27 a man spoke to police about a car on the 180th Street in El Cerrito. The car was shattered with a bullet.

■ On July 28, a 27-year-old man, during a fight, was shot in the arm.

■ A 19-year-old male, who allegedly attempted to steal a car he was driving, was shot in the 2400 block of Talbot Drive, leaving his 1997 Ford Taurus in the car lot. The driver was shot in the head and was transported to the hospital.

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■ On the morning of Aug. 9, an

ident on the 500 block of Talbot Avenue reported that his neighbor's red '95 Toyota Tercel had been tampered with while parked in an underground parking area. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 2 a.m. on Aug. 10 officers responded to a business on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue because of an activated alarm. Thieves had broken into the business and fled when the alarm went off. They were gone when officers arrived. Officers gathered evidence and will continue the investigation.

■ On the morning of Aug. 10 an Oakland man reported that his white '82 Datsun SW was stolen while parked in a lot at Golden Gate Fields. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Aug. 10 officers stopped a yellow '81 Toyota Celica on Second Street near Page Street for a vehicle code violation.

The driver, a 37-year-old El Sobrante man, was found to have an outstanding warrant for possession of drugs in the amount of \$1,351 for Failure to Appear and a Contra Costa County warrant in the amount of \$25,000 for the same violations. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail. The passenger, a 37-year-old El Cerrito woman, was found to have an expired driver's license and was instructed to find another licensed driver to transport her.

■ On the morning of Aug. 10 a resident on the 800 block of Kains Avenue reported that his neighbor's silver '98 Nissan was stolen.

■ At about 6:15 a.m. on Aug. 10 a resident on the 100 block of Talbot Street reported that someone had broken into his house and taken his silver '98 Jeep Cherokee while he was at work. For the past two weeks he had been working 12-hour days.

■ On the afternoon of Aug. 11 a resident on the 800 block of Stanislaus Avenue reported that his hubcap had been stolen.

■ On the morning of Aug. 12 a resident on the 800 block of Stanislaus Avenue reported that his hubcap had been stolen.

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## Guidelines for Albany school registration

ALBANY — The 2000-2001 school year begins on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at all public schools. The District Service Center, at 904 Talbot Ave., and schools will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4.

Children in kindergarten through eighth grade who have not previously attended Albany elementary schools (grades K-5) or Albany Middle School (grades 6-8) should be registered at the appropriate school office as soon as possible. Elementary school offices will be open for registration starting Aug. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Albany Middle School will be open starting Aug. 22 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Call the school before coming in to register. Cornell School 559-6510, Marin School 559-6520, Ocean View School 528-6480, Albany Middle School 558-3600, Albany High School 558-6550. Children must be 5 years of age by Dec. 2 to enroll in kindergarten and six years of age by Dec. 2 to register as first graders. Proof of birth date (original birth certificate or baptismal certificate) must be presented for students in kindergarten and the first grade. Registering your child at the closest school does not guarantee assignment to that school.

Parents not residing in Albany who are interested in enrolling new students in Albany schools must apply for enrollment at the District Service Center. Although space is limited, out-of-district applicants for grades K-12 will be placed on a first-come, first-served basis, if classroom space is available.

For students new to Albany High School, registration will be held in the school office, 603 Key Route Blvd., between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. starting Aug. 22. New registrants must be accompanied by a parent and have current immunization records, transcripts from previous schools, and residence verification. Orientation for all new Albany High School students and their parents will be held on Thursday, Aug. 24, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The first day of school is Wednesday, Sept. 6. New pre-registered and continuing students in grades 9-12 should not later than 7:20 a.m. on Sept. 6, to check the homeroom lists will be posted on the wall outside the counseling office. Homeroom classes at 7:40 a.m.

Registration requires three types of documentation. No registrations will be accepted unless all information is complete. The documentation

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Cerrito High setting up e-mail forum

CERRITO — The El Cerrito School PTSAs are working to improve communication between home and school by an e-mail communication forum for parents, faculty and administration this coming year.

Those signed up will receive the school's Weekly Bulletin, which information about that week's days of sporting events, mini-days, testing days, etc.

The forum will distribute the Junior Bulletin, which contains information about SAT notices, membership deadlines, visiting college fairs, etc.

As an as-needed basis, information will be e-mailed such as special dates, KECC 8.1 programs, and PTSAs meetings. Those interested in being on the forum should e-mail their e-mail address to Joann Agat, PTSAs Email Coordinator, [agat@home.com](mailto:agat@home.com).

## Kensington fights uphill battle for undergrounding

By Clare Curley  
STAFF WRITER

At a recent hearing with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), some Kensington residents living in the "hillside" area made a last ditch effort for their neighborhoods to receive priority to have overhead utility lines moved underground and seventh grade entry.

Low-cost childhood immunizations (from \$5 to \$40 per shot) are available at county health department clinics through the summer at the following locations:

Berkeley: Health Department, 830 University Ave., Berkeley, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-4 p.m. (464-8571).

Concord: Health Department, 2355 Stanwell Circle, Concord, every Monday through Thursday, 9:11 a.m. and Friday's 2:30-3:30 p.m., with the exception of the fourth Friday of the month 2-6 p.m. (925-646-5275).

Oakland: Central Health Clinic, 470 27th Street, Oakland. By appointment Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (271-4263).

Richmond: Public Health Department, County Building, 29th and Bissell streets, Richmond, Monday through Friday, 1:30-3:30 p.m. (374-3741).

The second part is what has Kensington residents speaking out. It may change regulations for when and where undergrounding takes place and who will pay the cost of conversion.

While some areas of Kensington have had wires moved underground already, like the Colusa Circle area and the current Arlington project that extends into Berkeley, those living in areas higher up question the safety of overhead wires in the heavily wooded hills.

"We're just hoping that possibly in the future there will be more undergrounding," said Kensington resident Lorraine Osmundson. "If the poles go down they're very dangerous. And certainly, it makes a community look more attractive."

The systematic conversion of overhead lines to underground has been done since 1967 by electric and telephone companies under the jurisdiction of the CPUC.

As vice president of the Kensington Improvement Club, Lipscomb says the issue came up often at the club in the past year.

She concedes that repairs to wires

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"Right now, safety is not a criteria. Mainly, undergrounding is based right now on aesthetics, but in the future it could be based on safety and service reliability."

—Bill Gaffney, energy division of the CPUC.

may be complicated once underground, particularly in case of an earthquake, a concern that has been brought up by many in the Bay Area.

But she said, "What concerns me more is not when they turn my lights back on, but how can they get up here within the first two hours after an earthquake."

Last January the commission instituted a study of ways to amend, revise and improve the rules for the conversion of overhead lines to underground, which was heard by Administrative Law Judge Carol Brown.

Brown explained that she oversaw the hearings but will not be making any decisions based on the case.

Commissioners have been filing away opinions outside the hearings, as well.

Questions in Kensington spurred a series of correspondence between Osmundson and the CPUC.

Early in July, she contacted the commission's public advisor's office on behalf of the Kensington Improvement Club's board of directors. "We strongly urge the commission to establish the issue of the community emergency preparedness as a priority in deciding the order in which communities are selected for undergrounding, and in the allocation of funding for such purposes," she wrote. "Special priority should be given to communities located in Alquist-Priolo Special Studies Zones."

The board contends that a substantial part of Kensington is located directly on the Hayward Fault line and is composed of densely situated single-family homes built on "small meandering streets" as well as along the Tilden Park ridge, a source of "substantial fire hazard."

Assistant public advisor Rosalina White wrote back, saying the letter would be copied to Brown and the five commissioners considering the

Another question is whether Kensington, as a small unincorporated area, will get equal treatment as larger cities.

A main point of contention has been determining how much control local governments should have in determining specific undergrounding projects as public interest projects. Because Kensington is an unincorporated area, it is at the mercy of Contra Costa County — another concern for Osmundson.

Gaffney agreed that being unincorporated may not help Kensington's cause.

"That means you're vying with (other) county funds — you're in the same pot as all unincorporated territories," he said.

Now that opinions have been filed away for evaluation, phase two of the proceeding will focus on narrowing the issues into a recommendation to the PUC and a draft workshop report to the legislature. The report will include comments from residents and a discussion of the comments.

"We wish we could give you a definite date, but staffing constraints and competing priorities have hindered us from adhering to our original schedule," Brown stated in a summary.

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# Opinion

## VIEWPOINT

### Mill & Lumber plan would be a tragic mistake

By Peter Loubal

**W**hat El Cerrito desperately needs are professional jobs. We lag far behind most towns in providing work for our residents. The few jobs we do provide are mainly in lower-paying retail.

The El Cerrito Mill & Lumber Yard property is the only reasonably large site, perfectly suited for offices. Mid-town could accommodate 1,000 new employees.

This could reduce commute time for a substantial number of El Cerritos, increase our housing values (still lagging behind those of surrounding communities) and reduce congestion by reversing commuting. El Cerrito's planned "free and frequent" shuttle buses could carry transit commuters arriving at the Plaza or Del Norte BART stations to mid-town on the "reverse" trip.

The influx of well-paying jobs would attract good restaurants and other businesses. It would help bring housing of the type people really want rather than just settle for, into areas where they want to live. Any new housing would then come in response to market forces rather than dictated by shortage economics (quick profit-making), or ideology. A recent editorial clearly identifies our area's major problem as the housing/job imbalance.

Yes, the Bay Area has a shortage of rentals. New apartments would no doubt be rented. Four UC Berkeley students would gladly pay \$450 each for a two-bedroom, \$1,800 per month apartment, legally or on the sly. But it would be their third choice, and they would pass their pad on to the next batch of students whenever they'd find the place they really want to live in, close to the campus, or in a detached house where they can have pets, louder parties, easier parking.

We should wish the students well, but not at the cost of forever missing the chance to have close-in jobs, and demoting El Cerrito from "City of Homes" to "City of Tenements". Other renters: the newly arrived, the newly divorced person forced out of the family home, the work-addict who does not share the desire most people have for a quiet single-family home or townhouse. The majority of the residents would be temporary, waiting to find a place away from San Pablo Avenue and the BART line.

What is being proposed is not smart growth. But it may be smart planning — from the perspective of owners and developers who seize the opportunity to make a fast buck. They have the right to profit from something they own, we have the right to consider the costs and impacts on our community.

The housing project's property tax would mainly go to redevelopment, the sales tax paid by new residents would be minimal. These would never offset the added cost of police and fire protection, etc. It can easily be proved that the newly generated travel (even with a somewhat greater transit modal split) would only increase congestion.

Meanwhile, each work trip to a newly created job here, would reduce I-80 congestion south of El Cerrito. Once convinced we'd do better with the "office" solution, we must show the developers that they can make an even greater profit, though maybe not as

quickly and readily. We should not grant the wrong plan any special exceptions, like a height variance or a street vacation. On the other hand, any plan that benefits the community should be rewarded with approval of higher densities, city-provided shuttle service, or with financial inducements.

It would be reasonable to offer some or all of the project's "incremental taxes" as security against reduced profit expectations. In other words, if the developers can show that the office space they provided is less profitable than housing would have been they should be guaranteed compensation from redevelopment funds.

The counter-argument will be that El Cerrito is simply not seen as a suitable job site, else we would already have an office boom. That is the image that needs to be changed, and this must be the first task of our newly created Economic Development Commission.

The business press is full of articles about how the shortage of office space leads to astronomical increases in Bay Area rents. Fremont is planning large new office buildings "to attract the talent residing in Berkeley and further north (i.e. El Cerrito)." Los Gatos opposes office development "since we already have too many jobs, what we need is housing." That's exactly the reverse of the situation we have in El Cerrito.

Three of our five council-members opposed relevant features of our new General Plan, the remaining two agreed that it needs additional traffic and fiscal analysis. This project should serve as the basis for making the needed corrections and additions, so El Cerrito gets a General Plan most citizens can support.

Lori Dair has always ignored economics and traffic analysis in favor of politics. But she has been imaginative. Why not recycle the attractive Lumber building, to become part of El Cerrito's permanent City Hall? She says that the Economic Development Task Force proposed "mixed-use" for this area. Well, retail and offices are "mixed" use.

She did not mention that the task force identified traffic congestion as a major problem, and asked for a proper analysis of impacts. Dair ties this issue to the recent County Supervisor's Urban Limit Line decision. Yes, the decision calls for "in-fill" housing close to transit, but it also calls for "smart-growth" location choices. We need to locate new housing and new jobs so as to shorten and redirect our trips to work. That's smart, anything else would be counterproductive!

By the way, I could well be on the losing end of this decision. The same applies to the economically insane BART garage plan. But it's a worthwhile fight. The public will be educated. We may get new "Monuments to Insanity" to add to our ECCE (El Cerrito's Civic Extravaganza) Tours of disastrous projects. Voters could then refuse to support extending Measure-C taxes (the bulk of a billion dollars wasted countywide), just like El Cerritos curtailed redevelopment (the bulk of \$35 million wasted countywide), until we separate the politics from the technical issues, and bring in cost-effective management.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Council defying the will of the voters

It is indeed unfortunate that the El Cerrito City Council has decided to defy the wishes of the voters to give a subsidy for the well-being and wealth of our community.

In 1988 the voters passed the half cent sales tax for transportation improvements in the county. The tax measure specifically identified the construction of two parking garages at the El Cerrito BART stations. Campaign literature in El Cerrito at the time told voters that they would get these two garages if they voted for the tax measure.

Past councils kept the faith with the voters by constructing one garage and trying to get the other one built. The current council, however, decided to reject the voters' wishes and to risk losing that money so it can provide what will be a very expensive subsidy for bus service in El Cerrito.

The council made no analysis of the whether bus service was actually needed or who would use it before it made its decision. It ignored the fact that AC Transit had cut back service in El Cerrito over the years because it was not being used and was too expensive for the number of riders that actually rode the bus. I know. I live just a few feet from one of the bus stops for a feeder line to the El Cerrito BART station; I used the bus in years past to go to BART to go to work; there was virtually no one else on the bus.

Then when AC had to cut its budget in the mid-1980's, it cut back service because it found such low usage that it could not be justified by the bus service.

Now our council wants to use our tax dollars to re-institute this wasteful use of taxpayer dollars, or risk losing the money entirely.

I advocate building the garage at the Plaza BART station with a parking fee. Indeed I believe we should set aside a portion of the spaces, say 50 or 60 percent, to El Cerrito residents who would pay a fee to park there. This will provide parking to El Cerrito residents who use BART and will keep faith with the voters' decision on how they money should be spent.

If the council insists on defying the voters, then the transportation authority that manages the spending of this tax money should consider three options.

One could be to use the money for a garage that would be part of a transit village at the Richmond station.

A second option would be to provide bus service on those lines where people can least afford to own and use a car and absolutely must use the bus to get to work, to shop, and do all the things that others use a car for. AC Transit has well documented that it needs to provide more and better service to many of the lower income and working class areas it serves. The working poor need bus service

more than I and most people in El Cerrito who can afford a car and can afford to pay for parking. Indeed, a third alternative would be to use the money to provide funding for single mothers trying to get off welfare who must use the bus to get to and from work. It is equally well documented that often their low paying jobs do not pay for bus fare and child-care cost, making it very difficult to justify taking a job.

Most troublesome in this whole debate is the fact that the City Council has gone against the express wishes of the voters to support their own personal preferences. There is something very wrong with that; it ain't democracy where I come from.

Norman La Force  
El Cerrito

#### Environment and immigration policy

"Skyrocketing" electric bills in San Diego aren't the only things the citizenry needs to be making waves about. The concern over high charges for electricity in California, along with feared blackouts and brownouts, is only the highest profile item at the moment in an ongoing and increasingly intense series of problems that we are all aware of: threats to supplies of water, agricultural land and moderately-priced food, open spaces, forests, clean air, dump space, roads, oil, fuel, and much more.

The basic cause of all these problems is one and the same: Overpopulation. And the basic cause of overpopulation is immigration. And not just illegal immigration which diverts everyone's attention from the real cause: Our undisciplined "system" of legal immigration.

Only a few are willing to address this problem head-on for fear of seeming elitist or racist or both. For politicians it is the "third rail."

FAIR (The Federation for American Immigration Reform) has put out "The Environmentalist's Guide to a Sensible Immigration Policy" which lays out in fearless fashion who profits from immigration and what to do about it. It makes clear that it is not the immigrants who are the problem, it is the number of immigrants.

In fact, people who object to too much immigration are not the elitists, but rather those who profit off of it. The poor are those most hurt by it. Permitting "chain migration" is the biggest culprit.

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offending ethnic blocs who are yet to be whole picture. Oh, yes, and get your environmental organization on board. The full application will show you the way.

#### Media unfair to GO!

If the media is to have any sense of fairness, it should change the way it handles the proposed GOP tax-cutting proposal.

It concerns me greatly that, despite GOP efforts to pass tax-cutting legislation, the media has apparently accepted the Dem line that tax cuts "cost" the government the large amounts of money.

It uses phrases such as "a less costly democratic alternative." Later in the article it says another tax-cutting alternative "cost" the government more than \$100 billion over 10 years," and finally that reducing the tax on Social Security payments "would cost" (government) an estimated \$44.6 billion five years.

These descriptions of tax cuts are only divisive and misleading. They assume the money belongs to the government and only through their largesse or generosity might they "give" some of it back to the taxpayers.

Let's be clear about our thinking: It may be less coming in, but it is not less. An government's money; it is our money that the government has been confiscating from us for years. The government doesn't produce anything (except confusion) nor "earn" anything. Any money the government has is a form of wasted risk capital to earn.

To tax Social Security payments in the first place, look for every way you can to take our money and spend it on projects they dream up.

So when you discuss tax reductions, say they cost the government. Balance their do it cut the cost to taxpayers.

Let's save old movies

I have been reading that we are losing a lot of the old-time movies because there is not enough money to protect and restore them.

I also read that the movie industry is gross more than \$3 billion this year.

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## A deserved round of applause for Contra Costa Civic Theater



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Snapp Shots

Here's an odd casting call from the Contra Costa Civic Theater's upcoming production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" — "Wanted: three women, ages 25-50; ten men, ages 30-40; and three men over 50. Men who do German or Irish accents especially welcome."

But I thought all you needed to be in "Arsenic and Old Lace" was a pinceson, a wavy mustache, and the ability to yell "Charge!" while running up the stairs.

The answer, of course, is that they need all these men to play the murder victims that the two dear little old ladies keep knocking off.

And that gives me the opportunity to raise a glass of elderberry wine in honor of the Contra Costa Civic Theater's 40th birthday. The CCCT is one of the best-kept secrets in the East Bay: an authentic neighborhood institution that is a perfect reflection of the community it serves.

It's one of the reasons why I like El Cerrito so much: It has a cozy, down-home feeling that you can't find in any other town. And the quality of the productions isn't too shabby, either: A couple of years ago, I saw a production of the Gershwins' "Crazy For You" that was as good as anything I've ever seen, anywhere.

But for me, the CCCT's crowning jewel is the Summer Drama Camp. You know how most kids have an attention span of about 1.5 seconds? Well, not at the Summer Drama Camp. I have never seen kids so rapt, so caught up in the joy of what they were doing. The counselors are all former campers themselves. And many of the campers go on to star in the CCCT's grown-up productions — some even though they're still attending camp! One is 13-year-old Jillian Olson. On Mondays through Fridays, she's a camper. But on the weekends, she's one of the secretaries in the CCCT's production of "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." And I was amazed at how seamlessly she's able to move from one to the other. Not to mention how little jealousy the other campers seem to feel. I think the reason is that the people at the Summer Camp have their minds screwed on straight. For them, it's not the thing, it's the play. They teach the kids to focus on acting, on competing for lines or time in the spotlight. It's a completely non-competitive atmosphere that encourages the kids to express their personalities and (hopefully) develop a love of theater.

The kids' parents seem to have a new perspective, too. Take Jillian's mom, Cheryl Olson. Instead of being those awful stage mothers you hear about, who push their kids into the spotlight to make up for their own inadequacy, she's the opposite. She's thrilled her daughter has something she loves so much (gymnastics and dance), but still worries about whether Jillian is getting enough sleep, what with all the rehearsals. In short, she's the way a mom ought to act.

The Contra Costa Civic Theater is a volunteer effort that couldn't exist without a broad base of active support from the entire community. But the mainchild of one extraordinary Louis Flynn, his late wife Betty, and their two children, Kathleen and Matt.

They decided that El Cerrito needed a community theater. And since there was no around, they took it upon themselves to create it.

They've remained active in the ever since. Today, Louis is the Artistic Director, and Kathleen is director of children's programs, which includes the Summer Camp. Matt lives in Los Angeles, so he can't be as involved with the CCCT as he'd like. But he's still involved; he's the assistant director on "Just Shoot Me."

In the past 40 years haven't always been easy. There have been accidents, career failures and people going their lines.

In 1971, when the theater moved to its current location in an abandoned school (actually, a part of the old playgrounds that had been hauled away), they needed a huge loan to rent the building. But they had

somehow found the money.

Twenty private citizens — on this day as "The Magnificent" — put up \$1,000 apiece to underwrite a loan from a local bank.

People still talk about the night in the late '80s, when actress Elizabeth Taylor suddenly took ill in the middle of the second act of "Dinner At Eight." She had to be rushed to the hospital.

Turned out to be nothing serious; just forgotten to take her blood pressure medicine. But in the meantime, she still had the rest of the play to do. And her character, Carlotta, had lines that were crucial to the development of the plot.

What to do? "Simple," says Aubrey

actor/master

CCCT board member who was cast that night. "We had a line in from time to time and just got another phone call about it, and she says..."

Happy birthday to the theater! It continues to thrive for at least 40 years. And knowing

of El Cerrito, I have no doubt

The reason is simple: When everything is working right, opera is the king of the arts. It combines all the others: music, literature, dance, design, sculpture and architecture. Above all, it tells a story. Putting all these elements together creates a whole that is far greater than the sum of its parts.

So why isn't it more popular in this country? Simple: In most cases, it's written in a foreign language. I don't care how gorgeous Mozart's music is; if you can't understand the words, you're missing half the fun. You can't get the dirty jokes in "Figaro" and you can't feel the pity and terror in "Don Giovanni."

But Adams' operas are in English. You can actually understand what the characters are singing! All of a sudden, the arias are more than merely pretty. They're funny, or tragic, or whatever emotion Adams wants you to feel. And the result is totally sublime and satisfying.

Of course, you don't necessarily need grand opera to get this experience.

You can get something similar from that great American art form, the musical. When Emil Lebec sings "This Nearly Was Mine" in "South Pacific," you can really feel his longing and disappointment. There's something about the fusion of Hammerstein's words and Rogers' music that makes the song more powerful than either one could have done alone.

And that's what's true for melodramas like "South Pacific" is also true for comedies, like the Gilbert & Sullivan operettas. Yes, Gilbert's acerbic lyrics are funny on the printed page. But when they're juxtaposed against Sullivan's lush melodies, they're ten times funnier.

I was reminded of this last weekend, when I saw The Lamplighters' sparkling new production of "HMS Pinafore" in San Francisco.

I can't remember when I've had more fun. From the moment that conductor Baker Peeples' baton descended to begin the overture, it was obvious

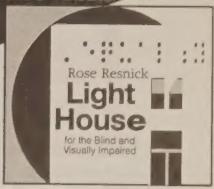
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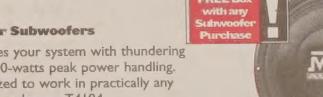
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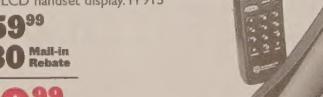
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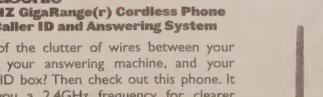
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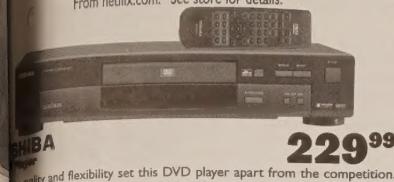
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ences, Pinkston said. Village Creek, which runs through the site, would be free-flowing and incorporated into the landscaping.

"It's very unusual to have a site with two creeks on it," Pinkston said. "Our company likes to design a project that fits a site, rather than force-feed it."

In addition, the Martin Group plan to use sophisticated filtering systems to clean floodwaters before they enter sewage drains. The site is prone to flooding in the rainy season.

Landscaping would be pesticide-free and use many native species. There would be plenty of bicycle racks and showers for employees who walk, jog or bike to work.

City Council members have yet to receive a formal presentation of the plan, but the general mood throughout City Hall is enthusiastic.

"I'm quite excited about the way the project looks and how they're going to treat the creeks," Councilman Allan Maris said.

"It's great," said Ann Ritzma, assistant city administrator. "It allows

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— Denise Pinkston, project manager Martin Group

the development of land that's been vacant for some time."

Meanwhile, plans are inching along to create a redevelopment zone that would include the Martin Group property, extending north under I-80 along Cleveland Avenue.

A private group of business owners along Eastshore Freeway, in front of the Martin Group site, sued the city last year, challenging its claim that the area was "blighted," a requirement for redevelopment.

The group was particularly concerned about the possibility the city would use eminent domain, which the city's redevelopment application allows, to claim their properties as a way to improve access to the relatively isolated Martin Group site.

A judge in November ordered the city to hear more public comment on the plan before proceeding. The judge did not, however, rule on whether the site met the cri-

teria for redevelopment.

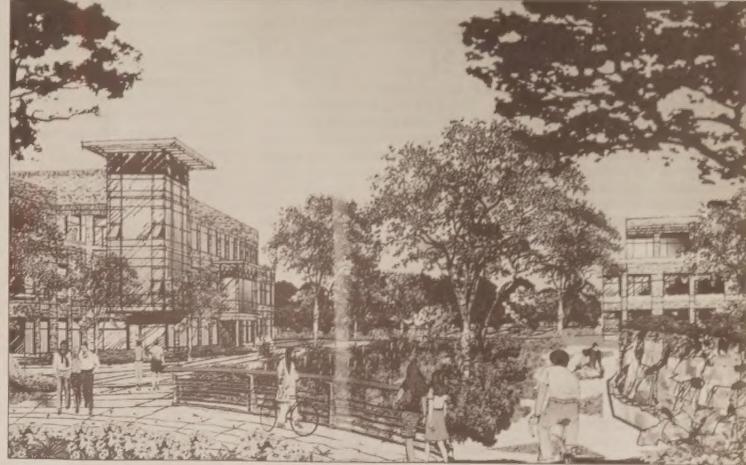
But a new idea is emerging that might resolve some of these issues.

John Piggot, one of the landowners suing the city, is negotiating with the Martin Group to buy or use some of his land adjacent to the property and along Eastshore. This would significantly increase access to the site.

If this pans out, Piggot said he will drop the lawsuit and support redevelopment if the city will promise not to use its power of eminent domain to seize private property for a public use. Redevelopment, Piggot said, could be useful in upgrading the area.

Redevelopment funds are often used for improvements in infrastructure, lighting, sewage and landscaping, to help entice development.

Although the redevelopment issue is still undecided, Ritzma said the council has expressed an interest in pressing ahead and holding more public hearings to satisfy the judge's ruling.



AN ARTIST'S rendition of the office park proposed in Albany by Interstate 80.

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Pinkston said the Martin Group project can be built without city assistance, although the company would welcome redevelopment if it happens.

"The council has indicated they're interested in moving forward," she said.

"The project could work on its own, but there are, nevertheless, a

lot of issues that could best be addressed through redevelopment," Pinkston said.

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For 15 years, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has quietly kept a special index that tracks the real annual cost of living increases faced by older Americans. For 15 years this agency and others in the government have known the Social Security Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) underestimates the cost increases faced by older Americans. The Senior Citizen's League says it is time for the government to stop using a senior-specific inflation because the annual Social Security Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) is not keeping up with cost of living for the goods and services older Americans spend their money on.

For example, the cost of prescription drugs which the majority of seniors are eligible to use but Medicare does not cover by more than 3.6 percent. Social Security beneficiaries will receive only a 1.3 percent COLA this year. American seniors are finding it increasingly difficult to keep up with health care costs each year," said Executive Director Michael Price. The league is calling on Congress to create a seniors only Consumer Price Index (CPI).

more information about the Consumer Price Index and Social Security Cost-of-Living Adjustments, send a self-addressed business envelope and \$1 shipping and handling to: TREA Senior Citizens Dept. N901, 909 N. Glebe St., Suite 301, Alexandria,

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## Seat

FROM PAGE A1

2002. Incumbent city treasurer Kim Denton filed for re-election, another apparent no-contest.

Several issues that have come before the City Council in the past should remain hot in the coming year.

For instance, newcomers can expect to address the city's ongoing traffic management plan — which divided residents on whether to slow traffic on Marin Avenue — as well as "beautifying" Solano Avenue, economic development along San Pablo Avenue, and how to attract more retailers to the area. There is also the issue of playing fields for youth sports, the dominant issue in the last issue.

"We're working with other cities

on getting funding through a congestion management agency" to aid San Pablo development, Thomsen said. "And, of course, we're looking at working with (UC Berkeley) on the playing fields."

One project just around the bend is a proposal to convert a 10-acre property near Interstate 80 into an eco-friendly office park. The Martin Group, San Francisco-based developers who bought the site from Union Pacific Railroad in June, are expected to present a plan before the Planning and Zoning Commission next month.

There remains the possibility that a write-in will surface to provide competition for one of the four-year slots. Interested parties would have to come up with 20 to 30 signatures by the third week in October, or two weeks before the election.

The most recent write-in occurred

in 1996, when Okawachi ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the school board.

Assistant city administrator Ann Ritzman pointed out that a write-in would still have to run a campaign, making the likelihood of winning slim for anyone not already familiar to Albany voters.

Thomsen, who also appointed Okawachi to the Park and Recreation Commission, looks forward to working with her on the council. "Anybody who knows the town know all the things Jewel's done. She's been a hard worker the whole time she's been here," she said.

In Alameda County, voters will also fill seats on the Superior Court bench, county Board of Supervisors and the Berkeley, Dublin and Pleasanton city councils.

"There are some very successful models," she said. "I'm quite familiar with working with a finance committee and I think it's an excellent idea for this community to have a finance committee," Westman told the City Council.

"Your task now is going to be to decide exactly how that committee is going to be set up, how it is going to be structured and how it is going to operate."

## Lois

FROM PAGE A1

What a difference a half century can make. In 1999, the name Lois didn't even crack the top 385 names for births in the U.S., making the "Where is Clark Kent?" jokes a thing of the past and placing it on the endangered species of the name game.

In many ways, that is what makes members of this elite club such a rare breed of women.

Since 1979, the Lois Club has added chapters in 20 states, as well as New Zealand and Norway, keeping hope alive for the fading name.

Members scavenge through newspapers and ads in hopes of finding the name Lois to let others in on the "little club that could."

"I originally heard about this and thought it was a rumor," said Barnes, the Bay Area Club's organizer. She got involved with the club after a trip to Phoenix when she happened to purchase a book at a library from a woman whose name tag bore the Lois moniker.

"She explained to me that there was a Lois Club chapter in Phoenix, and I thought about forming one here," she said. It didn't hurt that she already knew Atkinson and Lynch as a member of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Berkeley.

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# Rebuilding our educational infrastructure for the 21st century

## WCCUSD places Measure M on November ballot

### West County School Watch

By Glen Price

Recently, I met with an old friend and was discussing with him some of our school district's facilities problems. He reminded me of an old pearl of wisdom: "We are all, both as individuals and communities, from time to time faced with a series of opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations."

On Aug. 2 our school board made a bold move, placing a \$150 million school bond measure on our November ballot designed to rebuild and renovate our local elementary schools. This is truly an opportunity for all of us, as individuals and communities, to step forward for our children.

The move was made on the basis of strong planning and excellent financial accomplishments

ley streets wearing a pink unitard and flapping his arms.

"The Stroll seems to be more involved each time," said Liz Bell of the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

Sponsors who were lucky enough to be honored with framed posters for this year's event from brunettes in revealing black dresses included Golden Gate Fields, Washington Mutual Bank, Berkeley and Albany Chamber of Commerce.

More than 200 businesses that are members of the association will get a free space at the Stroll. In addition, about 150 non-profits and 100 crafts people from surrounding communities are expected.

The cost of participation varies greatly from \$35 for a non-profit information booth to \$375 for a food booth.

For those more interested in fun than business, there will be non-stop music and entertainment, a dunk tank, a giant slide, pony rides, a petting zoo and art cars.

A volunteer board of directors has been meeting twice monthly for mental support. Though booth reservations have long since filled up, procrastinators have another chance. The day before the stroll is a courtesy sign-up date — anyone interested must show up in person.

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However, neighboring school districts, some with many fewer students, have authorized far greater investments in their schools. Berkeley Unified (9,500 students) has authorized \$158 million with a \$116.5 million measure on this year's ballot; Livermore Valley (12,847 students) has authorized \$150 million; and San Jose (32,750 students) has authorized \$165 million. Our district currently serves close to 33,000 students and is projected to grow by another 3,000 over the next several years.

#### Genesis of Measure M

Faced with the daunting challenge of school repair and renovation, the school board held five town hall meetings during the month of May regarding school facilities. The input was overwhelming in terms of the need for immediate action.

The district also contracted with Jack Schreder and Associates, one of California's best-recognized school facilities consultants to facilitate the development of a Long Range Facilities Master Plan. In

the course of plan development, the team visited each district school site. Their findings were breathtaking even for those familiar with our deep needs. The average age of our schools is almost 50 years old; many are overcrowded with enrollment having increased by 3,000 students in the last three years alone. The study revealed over \$500 million in unmet facilities needs.

This is an amount the district simply won't be able to raise right way. But that doesn't mean that we can't start systematically turning our schools around.

#### Measure M: a focused plan to rebuild West County's elementary schools

The next step in our rebuilding effort is Measure M, a \$150 million general obligation bond measure to repair and upgrade elementary schools. Measure M funds will be used to: repair and upgrade elementary schools, build new classrooms, wire every school to accommodate computers and the internet, renovate bathrooms, re-

place leaking roofs and outdated fire systems, and provide for seismic upgrades.

Measure M gives the district the potential to leverage new state funds as they become available. Otherwise, we may lose these funds as they will simply be provided to other school districts. At an average tax of \$28.96 per \$100,000 of assessed value, Measure M is a moderate assessment, indeed an excellent investment for West County homeowners.

By law, the funds generated by Measure M can be used only for school improvements.

To guarantee accountability, the Measure M ballot language provides for the appointment of a Citizen's Oversight Committee.

The friend I cited above passed along another pearl, "Each problem has hidden in it an opportunity so powerful that it literally dwarfs the problem." To pass, Measure M must garner a two-thirds vote. This is a daunting challenge but also an opportunity for our community to rebuild our

educational infrastructure for the 21st century. Rarely are we in the right place at the right time in history to leave such a wonderful legacy to future generations of children and youth.

Citizens are now beginning to launch a vigorous campaign to pass Measure M. Check out the campaign website at [www.chil-drenofwestcounty.com](http://www.chil-drenofwestcounty.com) to find out how you can get involved.

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## Squirrel starts pole fire

A fire on an electrical pole was started by a burrowing squirrel last Monday near Lexington and Stockton avenues. The animal had set up house inside a wood structure covering an electrical line junction and then apparently gnawed into the wires themselves causing an electric arc and fire, authorities report.

Firefighter Terry Pace of the El Cerrito Fire Department said that a large multi-wire electrical feed coming down from a transformer was apparently gnawed into by the squirrel.

"They have wood covering it to keep it safe. Apparently a squirrel had been housing in there for quite a while from the looks of the pole underneath the wood," Pace said. "He'd been chewing in there for a while; there's a nest in there and everything. We didn't find the squirrel, but I'm sure that there's probably not much left of him, unfortunately." A passerby reported the fire, which Pace said took only a few minutes to put out. "It wasn't rippling or anything," she said.

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DENNIS EVANOSKY

**MONEY BROKER J.N. WEBSTER** brought his home with him to Alameda. Prefabricated in the eastern United States and shipped around Cape Horn, this Gothic Revival house has survived since 1854.

## On fertile soil: the Gothic Revival

By Dennis Evanovsky

SECTION EDITOR

Fertile ground nourishes the architectural style of the home at 1238 Versailles Ave. in Alameda. Medieval mysticism inspired its "Gothic" archetype during a European renaissance farther removed from us than the one that blossomed in 17th century Italy.

Twelfth century mystics searched for light and mainstream Christianity expressed the search — in an architectural

sense — in the airy lightness of the cathedrals that sprang from the earth beginning in 1140 with Abbot Suger's Ste. Denis in Paris.

The Gothic style, as 19th century scholars pejoratively dubbed it, spread throughout Europe and permeated the building of everything from town square crosses to barn door decorations.

The style settled into the sacred — churches and cemeteries — until the Italian Renaissance supplanted it. Then in

1770 Horace Walpole built Strawberry Hill, his "gothick house," and the style again caught the attention of architects and a revival began.

Because the supporters of the revival, A. W. N. Pugin in particular, stressed strict adherence to medieval building methods, many say that the Gothic Revival is no revival at all, simply a continuation of the style Abbot Suger began.

See GOTHIC, Page B2

## For heaven's sakes, just let go

Number 337 in a series of true experiences in real estate

The hardest thing for sellers to do is to let go. It's almost always true. Even for sellers who can hardly wait to go to a better house, disconnecting from their present one can be a problem. This must be because our homes embody so much of our lives — eating and parties, shelter from storms, neighbor friends, new babies. We want to hold on, and holding on seems often to include the hard scape — our colors, carpeting, knickknacks — frozen as we've grown to expect.

Years ago I went to see a house that was for sale. The man who owned it had grown up there, lived there with his parents while he went to college and beyond, until his parents died.

Then he closed the door to their bedroom, leaving it just as it was — a kind of shrine. Now he was selling the house and he had to let people into that room, and this must have been hard for him.

I remember wondering, worrying about what he would do on the day when he would have to pack the room into boxes.

At the time this seemed to me an extreme example, and perhaps it was. But we see this same need for "everything as it has been" in sellers all the time. One couple who intended to sell asked us to recommend a gardener who could groom their overgrown garden.

We agreed that cutting and clipping would let more light into the house and would allow buyers to see how much outdoor space was available.

The gardener met with the owners and they made a plan. But as the gardener raised her shears, the couple cried out. "No, we like the ivy growing everywhere! Wait! Don't cut the bushes!"

They couldn't bear to have the garden changed. Another couple bought their stylish house in the early seventies.

It had just been redecorated in up-to-the-minute colors and materials. In the living and dining rooms was orange shag carpeting, in the kitchen and bathroom the brightest red ceramic tile.

The master bedroom had a large corner desk done in the wood butcher style of the era, unpainted redwood with bracing poles running to the ceiling. The owners knew that the appearance of the house was dated.

They wanted to sell quickly, so they hired a stager. They listened to the stager's advice, then said, "We like the orange rugs and red tile. And we would never allow the desk to be painted."

Although they had already moved out of the house to a new one, they insisted that their old place remain as it was. This common situation is a sticky wicket for

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By Tarpoff and Talbert

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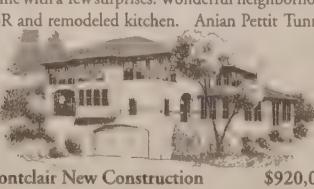
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# Gothic

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In fact, the British scholar Kenneth Clark says that the term Gothic Revival "should be abandoned as misleading"; those living in the 19th century referred to the style as Modern Gothic.

Gothic Revival, which caught on in architecture's mainstream in this country about 1840 and lasted until about 1860, expressed the desire of those caught up in it to escape to the past, away from the industrial revolution's harsh realities and into a more "romantic" Middle Ages.

After the Civil War, taste relegated the style once again to churches and cemeteries. Fredrick Delger's aediculum on Mountain View Cemetery's "Millionaire's Row" and St. Margaret Mary's Church in Oakland best express the style in these two genres. Indeed, Constructed in 1931, St. Margaret Mary's shows the style's staying power.

## The home on Versailles

The home on Alameda's Versailles Avenue deserves special attention as one of the few surviving examples of a Gothic Revival house in the East Bay (another sur-

vivor: Mosswood Cottage in Oakland.)

The home currently serves as a bed and breakfast.

J.N. Webster, whom Mark Wilson in "Living Legacy" describes as a money broker, had the home prefabricated in New York and shipped



around Cape Horn in 1854.

The home is a true study in the style having all the major elements:

- steep cross gables topped

with finials grace the steeply pitched roof

- icicle vergeboards decorate the gables
- the wall surfaces extend into the gables without a break
- a porch welcomes visitors into a one-story entry.

Finding a home like this in an urban setting would surprise the style's adherents. The home's presence in 1854 Alameda stresses the city's once rural setting.

The home, as small as it may seem to us today, boasted a design that did not belong in an urban setting. "Multiple gables and wide porches did not physically lend itself to narrow, urban lots," Virginia and Lee McAllister say in "A Field Guide to American Houses."

City dwellers of the era, according to the McAllisters, built in the contemporaneous Italianate and Greek Revival styles.

## The Victorian era

Greek Revival, Gothic Revival and Italianate belong in a category many call Victorian. In fact, no one style can be called Victorian. These styles are more correctly referred to as Victorian-era styles.

Queen Victoria ruled England

for 64 years from 1837 until her death in 1901. Besides the Greek and Gothic revivals and the Italianate, Second Empire, Richardsonian Romanesque, Shingle, Queen Anne and Colonial Revival appeared on the scene.

The Gothic Revival home on Alameda's Versailles Avenue testifies to the richness of just one of the styles prevalent during Victoria's long reign.

'Writers on English architecture sometimes say that a tiny stream of the Gothic tradition was never lost, but flowed unbroken. .... From 1600 to 1800 no year passed which did not see the building of some pointed arch and gabled roof, or the restoration of some crumbling tracery.'

Kenneth Clark, *The Gothic Revival*

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# Tarpoff

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agents. No agent wants to criticize her clients' chosen style.

But agents have learned from experience that the right decor, something that today's buyers find desirable, can make all the difference in a sale.

Good, thinking agents want their listings to sell quickly and well. This means that both buyer and seller are satisfied and that it doesn't take forever for them to find one another.

And so agents suggest ways to make their listings look their best. When they are met with owner resistance, what is there to do?

Back off. There is certainly no gain to be made when clients are feeling defensive.

Agents and sellers should both go slowly. Allowing sufficient time for parting with a house is very important. We've represented several sellers who needed close to a year to let go. They cleaned out accumulation, sorted through, pared down until they had left what mattered to them. And in the process, while they were readying for unknown new owners, they were becoming prepared themselves — to let go.

Sometimes these people complained to us that they were getting nowhere, that little progress was being made, but it was. It takes time for memories to fade, to replace them with visions of the future.

And this is why agents and sellers should talk again, and perhaps again, about why the sellers are selling. Where's it for them?

It may not be possible to know the exact spot where the sellers will be landing. But going somewhere desirable, if only in fantasy, is usually interesting and fun.

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# Everything's coming up roses for nation's building industry

■ Home industry pockets are jingling in these prosperous times as people pour their money into buying and jazzing up their houses

By Bill Kossen

SEATTLE TIMES

Amid grousing about government regulations and concerns about rising mortgage rates, land and labor costs, the message coming out of a major home-builders conference was simple: Business is good.

"There's a huge amount of money out there," said Randall Bone, of Colorado-based Sunrise Colony, at the recent PCBC — the Western Building Show in San Francisco. Sunrise builds high-end retirement communities.

The four-day conference in July attracted about 18,000 builders, developers, architects and others who seem to have gotten the message that the nation's unprecedented economic prosperity is hitting home.

Some of the new houses being held up at the conference as examples of good design resembled scaled-down versions of European castles. Items once considered signs of affluence, such as granite countertops, hardwood floors, hot tubs

and high-end appliances, are becoming standard equipment.

That trend has been recognized by companies making such basic items as doors.

"We don't get into price wars," said James Brandt, marketing manager at Simpson Door, one of several Washington businesses that had

salesmen admitted that claim might be an exaggeration.

"That's just an ad," Therma-Tru's Tom Baldwin said with a grin as people milled around his booth, inspecting the doors with a wood-like finish. "But I hope it's true."

It's not, according to James Brandt, marketing manager for Simpson Door.

ference was about the wealth washing over the West and the great opportunities it presented to those in the home-building industry, it was tempered by the realization that soaring home prices in many areas were making the dream of homeownership difficult for a growing number of people.

Compounding the situation, some speakers said, is the lack of buildable land and restrictive regulations aimed at curbing suburban sprawl, driving up home prices in the fast-growing West.

"What some people call sprawl, a lot of people call the American Dream," said R. Chad Dreier, chairman of the Ryland Group, a large California-based home builder.

The situation would improve, some said, if more apartments were built, but many developers are staying out of that market because they can't charge enough rent to make them worthwhile, and many neighborhoods are opposed to them.

Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown made a conference appearance, encouraging developers to come to his city, where land prices are lower than across the bay.

So wood doors are not yet history?

"Absolutely not," he said, but indicated the war of words is heating up. "People love to verbally abuse us."

Pushed off to one side of the large display hall was a small booth, Formica, that could be declared a National Historic Site.

The granddaddy of plastic laminates was long the symbol of America at its postwar, plastic best. More recently, the name of the Cincinnati-based company was synonymous with cheap products, something one wouldn't find in better homes.

Formica bent, but didn't crack and is making a comeback with new products that look and feel like marble and tile, but are much cheaper, said regional business manager Bill Binion.

The tile-like product is especially popular, Binion said, because it's low maintenance.

"We've seen a resurgence in interest. People are getting tired of cleaning the grout" on tile counters.

The end is near, maybe

## Dream of homeownership

While much of the talk at the con-

ference was about the wealth washing over the West and the great opportunities it presented to those in the home-building industry, it was tempered by the realization that soaring home prices in many areas were making the dream of homeownership difficult for a growing number of people.

## Boom times to continue

Nevertheless, the mood at the conference was generally upbeat and the boom times are expected to continue, at least in the short term, said one of the keynote speakers, David Berson, chief economist for Fannie Mae, the huge mortgage underwriter.

"This has been the best time for

(the housing industry) ever in the

United States."

While interest rates may still rise,

Berson said he expects home sales

to remain strong, noting that people

were buying homes not too long ago

when interest rates were up to 16

## Hot condo market

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# The point of it all — calculating the annual percentage rate

points or not pay points, question. Borrowers try to compare mortgages it becomes a maze of costs versus payments over the life of the mortgage. Is it better to take the mortgage at one point and a higher rate or more points and get a lower rate? Unfortunately, there isn't a handy calculator for all answer, but understanding the terminology helps.

One percent of the mortgage amount. So, if you are applying for a \$200,000 mortgage, one point is equal to \$2,000.

With the comparison of rates, lenders are required to show the annual percentage rate on the mortgage. When the rates are based strictly on the points paid, not the additional non-recurring costs (such as escrow, appraisal and lender costs), a 7.25 percent loan at 1 point is a 7.25 percent loan at 2.25 percent.

It still doesn't work perfectly as the original APR calculation assumed that the borrower would keep the loan for its full term. According to GMAC Mortgage's industry publication "Mortgage Industry Yearbook."

## Mortgage Madness



By Karen Senzig

If you plan to keep the loan for six to 12 years, "the number of points divided by six plus the quoted rate, equals the Annual Percentage Rate".

Now, math was never my strong suit until I got into the mortgage industry, but with a calculator in hand and following the directions it will make sense to you as well.

For example, your lender has offered two different rates for your \$250,000 mortgage — one at 8 percent.

When someone asked how they should wire a house for the future, Picard said he thought that in the future, the world would be wireless. But to play it safe, he told the builder: "Maybe do nothing but put in a blank conduit" that can be filled later if needed.

The look of the modern home, wired or wireless, is reverting to classic styles, often inspired by what can be found in New England and European villages — with narrower, tree-lined streets and houses oriented more toward serving people than cars.

In the session titled "Legends of Architecture," Wait Richardson, chair of RNM Architects/planners in Newport Beach, said the change is for the better.

"We went through an era when the garage was not only not hidden, but seen as the most exciting part of the house."

Now it might be the door.

## building

By Mark E. B.

to 50 percent more for a unit without a view.

They will pay a massive premium for the view, he said.

## anxiety'

course, there was a lot of talk about the Internet and other forms of technology in the home-building world. The consensus seemed to be that technological was occurring very rapidly, but it was not clear where it was going.

John Picard, president of E2, builders not to worry too much about the "digital anxiety" they felt. "Technology running in your house is confusing. Just relax,"

he said.

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 542 Chetwood St - \$330,000  
 13200 Clairepointe Wy - \$582,000  
 12 Conrad Ct - \$480,000  
 455 Crescent St #402 - \$155,000  
 3129 Cuthbert Av #D - \$121,000  
 4224 Detroit Av - \$520,000  
 8406 Dowling St - \$117,000  
 2600 East 20th St - \$195,000  
 2465 East 22nd St - \$173,000  
 1377 East 33rd St - \$185,000  
 6066 Estates Dr - \$895,000  
 390 Euclid Av - \$700,000  
 763 Franklin St #420 - \$142,000  
 1314 Hampel St - \$620,000  
 2089 Harrington Av - \$115,000  
 5951 Hayes St - \$144,000  
 6 Hillwood Pl - \$550,000  
 7638 Holly St - \$166,000

9624 Holly St - \$140,000  
 6124 Johnston Dr - \$500,000  
 1 Kelton Ct #6M - \$140,000  
 219 Kerwin Av - \$110,000  
 23 Kingwood Rd - \$577,000  
 151 Lakeside Dr #213 - \$220,000  
 3025 Linden St - \$253,000  
 109 Longridge Rd - \$675,000  
 3264 Lynde St - \$250,000  
 525 Mandana Bl #212 - \$180,000  
 1108 Mandana Bl - \$850,000  
 1701 Manzanita Dr - \$499,000  
 4021 Maple Av - \$430,000  
 9071 McGurin Rd - \$330,000  
 4118 Mera St - \$300,000  
 39 Merriewood Cr - \$385,000  
 226 Modoc Av - \$725,000  
 4413 Montgomery St - \$343,000  
 1018 Mountain Bl - \$695,000  
 10 Murdock Ct - \$150,000  
 4333 Park Bl - \$400,000  
 150 Pearl St #315 - \$69,500  
 150 Pearl St #320 - \$120,000  
 10665 Pearmain St - \$142,000  
 3132 Pleinier Av - \$240,000  
 3727 Quigley St - \$270,000  
 4127 Redwood Rd - \$325,000  
 3910 Ruby St - \$195,500  
 386 Santa Clara Av #301 - \$300,000  
 6225 Shattuck Av - \$416,000  
 10840 Snowdown Av - \$420,000  
 1188 Sunnyside Rd - \$700,000  
 22 Town Square Pl - \$192,000  
 8120 Utah St - \$272,000  
 500 Vernon St #120 - \$220,000  
 146 Vicente Rd - \$746,500  
 1636 Vista St - \$440,000  
 4500 Walnut St - \$293,000  
 9801 Walnut St - \$100,000  
 7401 Weld St - \$103,000  
 1169 Wellington St - \$367,000  
 3 West Embarcadero #152 - \$162,500  
 7 West Embarcadero #206 - \$153,000  
 7 West Embarcadero #210 - \$170,000

3 West Embarcadero #235 - \$120,000  
 3 West Embarcadero #339 - \$200,000  
 1 Weybridge Ct - \$1,075,000  
 288 Whitmore St #325B - \$135,500  
 3872 Whittle Av - \$199,000  
 3318 Wisconsin St - \$430,000

## PIEDMONT

122 Dracena Av - \$1,064,000  
 32 Jerome Av - \$770,000  
 270 Scenic Av - \$1,010,000

## RICHMOND

822 10th St - \$139,000  
 440 29th St - \$142,000  
 860 30th St - \$175,000  
 976 32nd St - \$170,000  
 615 38th St - \$150,000  
 719 6th St - \$120,000  
 581 9th St - \$145,000  
 1717 Bissell Av - \$285,000  
 1200 Brickyard Wy #111 - \$267,000  
 4743 Buckboard Wy - \$379,000  
 1439 Carlson Bl - \$215,000  
 5268 Carriage Dr - \$389,000  
 3116 Center Av - \$175,000  
 3409 Clinton Av - \$300,000  
 6802 Del Monte Av - \$320,000  
 3033 Deseret Dr - \$314,000  
 2512 Downer Av - \$193,000  
 2746 East Ct #4 - \$143,000  
 3133 Fairmeade Dr - \$203,000  
 2366 Gaynor Av - \$135,000  
 2643 Gaynor Av - \$140,000  
 2707 Gaynor Av - \$225,500  
 813 Griffin Dr - \$119,000  
 2993 Groom Dr - \$190,000  
 320 Grove Av - \$170,000  
 633 Harbour Wy - \$110,000  
 5238 Heavenly Ridge Ln - \$350,000  
 3003 Joann Dr - \$190,000

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**A Montclair Treasure!**.....\$3,500,000  
estate! Primary and secondary  
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1818 Charing Cross. Newly constructed  
3BD/2.5BA with gourmet kitchen and  
panoramic Bay view. Y. Ben-David 510-339-9290

**Open Sunday 2-4:30**.....\$489,000  
2009 Fry St. Charming 3BD/2BA  
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with in-law potential.

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**Sparkling Gem!**.....\$479,000

Listing! Elegantly remodeled  
3BD/2.5BA with panoramic Bay views!

Gourmet kitchen. Privacy. Huge lot for  
expansion! Rosalie Marshall 510-428-0900

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This beautiful 5BD home is in great  
condition and loaded with special features.

Great area! Demetrios Wilson 510-834-2010

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large living room with fireplace.

Family dining room.

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listed! 1328 E. 38th St. Beautiful

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large yard, hdwd flrs. Near College Ave  
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**El Cerrito Hills**.....\$325,000

**Del Monte** Open 2-5. New listing!  
3BD/1BA. Well maintained! Deep lush  
extra large lot! Views!

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2507 Baywood Way, Richmond. Pristine  
2BD/2BA townhouse in exclusive gated  
community. Balcony, garage parking

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**Move Right In!**.....\$189,000

Open 8/20. 316 45th St. 3BD/1BA, hdwd  
floors, details. 2-car garage plus RV parking  
Fruit trees.

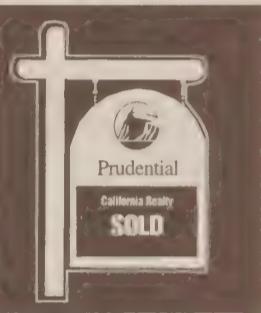
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## Lots For Sale

**Montclair Lot**.....\$180,000

Gentle, buildable down-slope. Architectural  
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LIVE OAK RD. Classic Mediterranean  
and European flair on gentle down  
lot with views of SF 5+BD/3.5BA, kit/fp,  
den, media room and terraces.



**BERMONT HILLS**.....\$1,350,000  
SWAINLAND RD. New Listing! Stylish  
4+5BA with views through huge  
oak studded hills and Bay. Gourmet  
kitchen, rm w/entertainment system, and  
Cherry wood, granite and marble details.  
Dee & Joe Knowland



**MONTCLAIR**.....\$865,000  
RUTHLAND RD. New Listing! Stylishly  
designed two-year old 4BD/2.5BA  
with exquisite details. 4th BD easily  
converted to home office, rumpus room, kitchen  
and in-space, and family room with fireplace and  
gas logs. Vicki Woodhead

1900 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, CA

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**MONTCLAIR**.....\$774,000  
929 MOUNTAIN BLVD. Sunny 4BD/3BA  
home built in 1993 w/wonderful floor plan.  
Offers spacious eat-in kitchen, FDR, family room,  
home office and workshop. Diane Earl McCann



**MONTCLAIR**.....\$525,000  
2148 MASTLANDS DR. Spacious 3 BD/3.5BA  
contemporary. Living room w/wet bar, fam. rm  
w/FP and deck, MBR w/FP and deck. Rec room.  
Wendy Gardner



**PARKRIDGE ESTATES**.....\$479,000  
41 KNOB RIDGE WAY. New Listing! Great  
4BD/2BA two-story home near East Bay Regional  
parklands. Family room with fireplace, private yard  
and 3-car garage make this a wonderful home!  
Vicki Woodhead

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**PIEDMONT**.....\$465,000  
4467 VIEW PLACE. New Listing! Newer  
construction. 3BD/2.5BA on cul-de-sac. Includes  
family room, deck and patio. Francis Heath



**REDWOOD HEIGHTS**.....\$450,000  
3529 JORDAN RD. Wonderful 2BD/1.5BA  
traditional with plus bedroom, sun-porch, lower-  
level rumpus/play room, and office/den. Living  
room w/FP and deck. Patricia Scott



**FRUITVALE**.....\$429,000  
2506 CORDOVA ST. Architectural gem on  
very special street 4BD/3BA, formal dining room,  
rec. room, lovely gardens. Close to shopping and  
transportation. Joan Daniel



**PIEDMONT AVENUE**.....\$395,000  
4479 MONTGOMERY ST. Elegant and rare  
English Romantic Revival on large lot with  
panoramic bay views. 4BD/3.5BA. Extensive  
remodeling, such as the state-of-the-art kitchen.  
Plus much more! Donna Costella

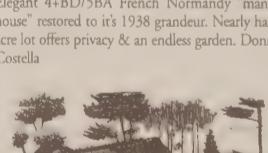
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**CROCKER HIGHLANDS**.....\$299,000  
767 SANTA RAY New Listing! Contractor's  
special. Fantastic opportunity in the prime  
neighborhood of Crocker Highlands. Deep,  
private lot 3BD/2BA. Michelle Vasey



**MONTCLAIR**.....\$1,595,000  
Elegant 4+BD/5BA French Normandy "manor  
house" restored to its 1938 grandeur. Nearly half-  
acre lot offers privacy & an endless garden. Donna  
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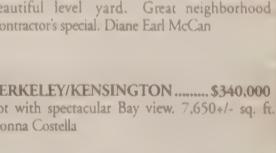


**PIEDMONT**.....\$1,450,000  
Elegance & architectural distinction. Pano SF  
views; one-level living; approx 1/2 acre site  
w/gardens & pool; privacy! 3BD/3.5BA Main  
House, plus 2BD/1BA Cottage. Georgia Cornell

## By Appointment



**UPPER LAUREL**.....\$179,500  
New Listing shown by appointment only.  
Spectacular Bay/City views. One bedroom fixer  
Beautiful level yard. Great neighborhood.  
Contractor's special. Diane Earl McCann



**BERKELEY/KENSINGTON**.....\$340,000  
Lot with spectacular Bay view. 7,650+/- sq. ft.  
Donna Costella



**UPPER ROCKRIDGE**.....\$1,250,000  
Outstanding and magnificent 5BD/4.5BA  
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neighborhood. Approximately 5,000 sq. ft.  
Exquisite details. Dee & Joe Knowland

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# Sales

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2145 Miramar Av - \$225,000  
 1947 Placer Dr - \$165,000  
 14009 Reed Av - \$218,000  
 15350 Snowy Plover Ct - \$358,000  
 2134 Thomas Av - \$97,500  
 15231 Upton Av - \$275,000

## SAN LORENZO

287 Año Av - \$250,000  
 1868 Corte Enano - \$295,000  
 17061 Via Corona - \$365,000  
 1028 Via Honda - \$255,000  
 17003 Via Margarita - \$260,000  
 15818 Via Nueva - \$280,000  
 17120 Via Pasatiempo - \$222,000  
 15763 Via Sorrento - \$253,000  
 17441 Via Toledo - \$250,000  
 16133 Via Walter - \$310,000

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## ON THE AVERAGE

## ALAMO

TOTAL SALES: 22  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$190,000  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$670,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$358,000  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$395,545

## ALTAMONTE

TOTAL SALES: 5  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$125,000  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$406,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$270,000  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$304,200

## BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 17  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$135,000  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$918,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$354,500  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$416,206

## CLOVERDALE

TOTAL SALES: 11  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$220,000  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$773,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$330,000  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$380,455

## EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 5  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$125,000  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$475,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$126,000  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$279,200

## EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 2  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$165,000  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$200,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$0.00  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$182,500

## KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1  
 AMOUNT: \$380,000

## OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 107  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$ 69,500  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,505,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$ 225,000  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$ 326,407

## PALO ALTO

TOTAL SALES: 3  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$ 770,000  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,064,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$1,010,000  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$ 948,000

## SAN FRANCISCO

TOTAL SALES: 43  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$ 99,000

HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$490,000

MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$175,000

AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$181,500

## SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 23  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$ 85,500  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$305,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$200,000  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$223,500

## SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 16  
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$222,000  
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$365,000  
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$255,500  
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$275,500



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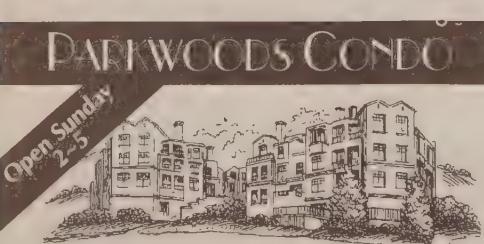


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IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER!.....\$639,000  
Spacious floor plan, large kitchen, a generous bonus room level, bay view, and a large level yard  
Chalon Dr, Oakland. Nahid Nassiri 510-287-5770

THIS UPPER ROCKRIDGE HOME.....\$599,000  
Will surprise you.....\$599,000  
Come inside to see all the charming, light-filled space with hardwood floors, large fireplace, French doors to private garden, great skylights, spectacular master bath & kitchen  
6 Golden Gate, Oakland Jim Schubert 510-436-6683

DESIGNED WITH DISTINCTION!.....\$599,000  
With two elegantly designed & unique master suites & three full baths, you will love the magnificent design of this contemporary home. High ceilings with skylights, recessed lighting, and track lighting give this architecturally designed home its sunny orientation to take full advantage of  
181 Tunnel Road, Berkeley Nahid Nassiri 510-287-5770

GARAGE FIXER.....\$525,000  
Classic home on 20,300 square foot lot, four plus bedrooms, two and a half baths, 3 garages. Lots of privacy, easy San Francisco commute. 3981 Fruitvale, Oakland Arnold Mueller 510-530-6099

WALK TO PIEDMONT AVE!.....\$395,000  
Enjoy this sunny two plus bedroom, two bath home with its updated doors and serene backyard  
5 Montell Street, Oakland David Kerr 510-287-9571



1st OPEN - IDYLIC SHEFFIELD VILLAGE.....\$395,000  
One of the best 3/2 homes you'll ever find! Quality renovation highlights classic details - dual pane windows, refinished hardwood floors, kitchen with breakfast bar, garden oasis. Stunning!  
3051 Roxbury, Oakland Edie Shenk 510-287-9590

NEW LISTING! DUPLEX!.....\$318,000  
Perfect for owner occupancy Good condition garage easy commute. 3506-3508 Suter Street, Oakland Teresa Chan 510-807-2240

OPEN SUN, 2-4:30

SUNNY LARGE YARD - HILL VIEW.....\$289,000  
Adorable bungalow with many extras. Three bedrooms, family room, home office, country kitchen, move-in condition  
2214 Damuth, Oakland Carolyn Hartley 510-287-9588

HURRY TO THIS CHARMING 1ST CLASS HOME.....\$239,000  
At his great price see pride of ownership in fresh new paint, glowing tile, wall-to-wall carpet, character and charm at a move-in price!  
8056 Earl, Oakland Rosemary Green 510-635-9842

SUNNY SPANISH STYLE HOME.....\$229,000  
Two plus bedrooms, one bath home on large lot, newer kitchen, bath, and windows, hardwood floors and Rec Room  
2923 Schuyler Street, Oakland Arnold Mueller 510-530-6099

OPEN SUN, 2-4:30

SPACIOUS & BRIGHT.....\$399,000  
Eat-in kitchen, level out to quiet, sunny, private garden. Walk to  
Solano Avenue!



PRICED REDUCED!.....\$819,000  
Panoramic Bay view! Architecturally designed home in San Leandro's Bay O' Vista. Boasts four master suites, 3,700 square feet, showcase family room double lot. Bring Offers  
Rosie Nysaether 510-287-9557

8-UNIT BUILDING - NEW LISTING!.....\$699,000  
A real fixer! Call only if prepared to paint, clean, & fix. Then reap your rewards. Four studios, Four 2-bedrooms, VERY low rents - Money Maker  
Teresa Chan 510-287-2583

ADAMS POINT FORPLEX!.....\$550,000  
Classic units in desirable Adams Point, with upside potential, good unit mix, sharp units with parking, easy San Francisco commute  
Arnold Mueller 510-530-6099

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LAUREL STARTER.....\$199,000  
Cute & Charming Bungalow in desirable Laurel. Sunny two bedroom, one bath, updated kitchen & bath with large yard basement and easy San Francisco commute  
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WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY.....\$99,500  
To build your dream home on this Montclair up-slope lot. Over 9,000 square feet & the front part of lot is landscaped  
Nahid Nassiri 510-287-5770



SAN LEANDRO - ESTUDILLO ESTATES.....\$359,000  
Designer perfect! Two bedrooms, one and a half baths, family room, formal dining room, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen. Garden cottage with bath, play yard, patio. Stylish Two-car garage  
Charlene Claybaugh 510-287-9585

ONE LOOK WILL DO!.....\$269,000  
This spacious Montclair contemporary has three large bedrooms and three full baths, with generous kitchen space, cathedral wood beam ceilings, a wall of glass, a spacious loft & a three-car garage  
Nahid Nassiri 510-287-5770

COMING SOON  
KUNDSEME CONTEMPORARY.....\$489,000  
Spectacular views of Bay & Bridges. Tranquil & private setting Two-car garage. One block to Redwood park  
Martha Shin 510-287-9806

GLENVIEW CLASSIC.....\$345,000  
Freshly painted & gleaming hardwood floor. Updated kitchen & bath level out to private yard. Near schools, park & restaurants easy San Francisco commute  
Arnold Mueller 510-530-6099

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Oakland Hills.....\$449,000  
Wow! What a View! Gorgeous home w/fab. bay/bridge view, 5BD/3BA, all pair setup w/sep. entry. Large, level yard, 2 car garage, on a cul-de-sac.  
Nader Davari

Bridge.....\$449,000  
Spacious Bungalow. Lots of interior wood detail, hardwood floor, large kitchen. 2BD/1BA, back yard, formal entry. Large LR, Norm Robinow

FIRST OPEN SUNDAY

Bridge.....\$449,000  
Terrabella Way.....\$449,000  
Traditional Charm. Only 6 yrs. old, 3BD/2.5BA, 2 story w/great views of SF Bay & Bridges. Hardwood floors, large LR, FDR, detached home on a cul-de-sac. Open 2 - 5 p.m.  
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## ALAMEDA

Address & Realty      Size      Hours      Price  
208 Sweet Rd      5bd/3ba      2-4      \$895,000  
OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
Gallagher & Lindsey, Moon Tam 510-747-1620

1502 Grand St      6bd/4+ ba      2-4      \$788,000  
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Gallagher & Lindsey, Moon Tam 510-747-1620

1057 San Antonio      3bd/3ba      2-4      \$675,000  
OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
Harbor Bay Realty, Barbara Bolton 510-814-4714 Don Gutter  
Int'l 510-814-4854

1245 St Charles      2+ bd/2ba      2-4      \$596,000  
OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
Harbor Bay Realty, Baine Miller 510-814-4821 Dan Prado  
Keller 510-814-4833

1245 St Charles      2+ bd/2ba      12-2      \$596,000  
OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
Harbor Bay Realty, Darin Vinal 510-814-4824 Deidre Dixon  
510-814-4878

155 Justin Circle      3bd/2+ ba      2-4      \$499,000  
OPEN SATURDAY ONLY  
eHomesAlameda.com Realty, Mark Palmer 510-822-5522

861 Oak      1bd/1ba      2-4      \$469,000  
2-UNITS - OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
Harter Bay Realty, Shirley McWilliams 510-814-4825

2827 Fernside Blvd      2+ bd/1ba      2-4-30      \$430,000  
Prudential, Ms Sam McConnell 510-521-6917

1234 Ardmore Dr      3bd/2ba      2-5      \$425,000  
Harbor Bay Realty, Denise Garvine 510-814-4871

1502 Grand St      3bd/2ba      2-5      \$425,000  
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352 Magnolia Dr      4bd/2ba      2-4-30      \$425,000  
Alameda Realty, Pete Caponio, Eileen Walker 510-865-3147

1130 College Av      4bd/2ba      2-4      \$425,000  
Centenario Real Estate, Linda Larkin 510-522-8749

1530 Chestnut      3bd/2+ ba      2-4      \$399,000  
OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
Harbor Bay Realty, Bill Douglas 510-814-4839 Sil Bering  
510-814-4816

3260 Adams St      3bd/1+ ba      2-4-30      \$398,000  
Prudential, Debbie King 510-337-4870

1011 Kingston      3bd/2+ ba      2-4      \$378,000  
Harbor Bay Realty, John French 510-814-4704

1614 Walnut St      3bd/2ba      2-4      \$369,000  
OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
Gallagher & Lindsey, Ron Bang 510-748-1110

1713 Oak      3+ 4bd/1ba      2-4      \$356,000  
Harbor Bay Realty, Nancy Gordon 510-814-4815

1032 Santa Clara      2-4      \$350,000 2 UNITS  
1bd/1ba

1912 Schiller      2bd/2ba      2-4      \$345,000  
Prudential, Carol Heath-Kin 510-527-9800

1912 Schiller      2bd/2ba      2-4      \$345,000  
VICTORIAN HOME BUILT BY DAVID BREHAN IT IN 1896.  
Carol Heath-Kin, 510-525-2346 Prudential

3211 Sterling      2bd/1ba      2-4      \$345,000  
Gallagher & Lindsey, Joanna Dean 510-748-1133

1014 Verdemar      3bd/2+ ba      2-4      \$335,000  
MODEL F  
Gallagher & Lindsey, Michael Studebaker 510-748-1128

1614 Benton St      2bd/1ba      2-4      \$334,000  
Harbor Bay Realty, Miss Quan 510-814-4838

1438 6th St      3+ bd/2+ ba      Sun. 2-5      \$329,000  
Realty Advocates, 510-428-0757

430 G Cola Ballena      2bd/1ba      2-4      \$305,000  
Kane & Associates, Diana Wyman 510-522-5827

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1143 College Ave.      2bd/1.5ba      2-5      \$299,000  
East End  
Open Sunday Only  
Caldwell Banker, Fritz Hochheimer 510-339-4700

3113 La Cresta      2bd/1+ ba      2-5      \$289,000  
Harbor Bay Realty, Tom Young 510-814-4841

2511 Eagle Av      3bd/2ba      2-4      \$285,000  
OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
Gallagher & Lindsey, Michael Studebaker 510-748-1129 or  
Fritz Hobbs 510-748-1138

1817 Naslon      1+ bd/1ba      2-4      \$250,000  
Harbor Bay Realty, Lorinda Ingeman 510-814-4716

318 Pacific      2bd/1ba      2-4-30      \$195,000  
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Antiques are valued because of enduring appeal and rarity, but many reproductions or interpretations of old pieces make it possible for more people to enjoy these styles:

The Stately Homes collection by Baker enables you to own some of the furnishings found in some of Great Britain's famed great houses. A low table in book-matched walnut ebony, with cabriole legs and a beaded frieze (details, \$6,082) is one at Chatsworth, home of the Duke of Devonshire.

The original was said to have been made to hold a decorated book that belonged to Mary Queen of Scots, who spent time at the estate after her escape from Scotland. It's a drop-front desk decorated in French blue with decoupage paintings of country scenes, a reproduction of an 18th century antique originally found in a Toulouse shop, complete with those intriguing "love

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■ When the British Empire was going strong in the 19th century, English officers could be found on campaign — with their belongings — around the world. The Provincial Spirit campaign chest (\$2,105) from Milling Road recaptures the flavor of the times, complete with the brass-bound corners, brass rails, and flush-mounted recessed handles for mobility and durability.

The modern version substitutes pine for the original mahogany but retains the array of drawers: three conventional full-width drawers topped by a level with a center drawer, traditionally holding a flask of "medicinal spirits," flanked by four small drawers.

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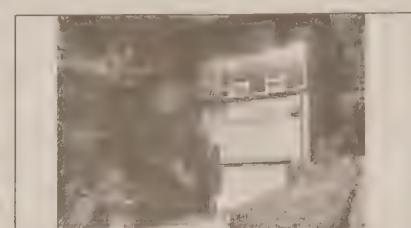
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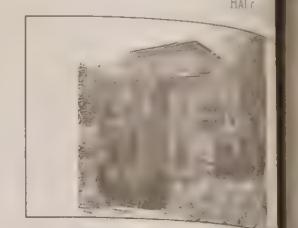
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## Jensen, Curran win doubles title in Stead Open

Cal's NCAA doubles champs start their professional careers off right, beating No. 1 seeds in title match

By Jason Lew  
STAFF WRITER

Kelly Pace and Kim Grant 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 to claim a \$1,000 first-place check. Both Pace and Grant are play on the pro circuit.

Fresh off of winning the 2000 NCAA doubles championship for UC-Berkeley, Curran and Jensen aimed to kick-start their pro careers with victories at the Stead Open, and they did just that.

"It's good for us to play against some players who were really highly ranked," said Jensen. "That was good for us and our confidence level."

Jensen and Curran defeated the tournament's top-seeded doubles team of

\$1,000 runner-up check.

The match started off slowly for Curran and Jensen as they fell behind early in the first set 0-3. They reeled off two victories before falling 2-6. Then, they started making adjustments.

"We started to return real well and cut out our unforced errors," said Curran. "I think we started to go at them more, instead of away from them. I think that really helped."

Curran and Jensen came out of the gates in the second set with a vengeance, and took an early 3-1 lead in games. An

ace by Jensen gave them a victory in the fourth game and a 4-2 lead, which eventually blossomed into a 6-2 victory.

"I think (we made adjustments) in return of serves and made improvements after the first set," said Curran. "We came out a lot more fired up after that first set. We probably came out a little cold."

The third and final set turned out to be a seesaw battle as both teams changed leads three times throughout the set.

Two aces in a row by Pace enabled them to wrestle a 4-3 lead away from Curran and Jensen, but two game-seal-

ing overhead smashes gave Jensen and Curran back the lead at 5-4.

With the score tied 30-30 in the final game, Jensen drilled a serve for an ace to take the lead 40-30. Curran and Jensen won the game, set, and match with another ace by Jensen to make the third set 6-4. "I think they were so close to the net, we just thought that, rather than thinking about keeping the ball away from them, we'd just go straight at them," said Jensen. "That helped in the final stages

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THE OAKLAND WATER POLO team competed at the Juniors Olympics in the under-18 and under-16 divisions last week in Orange County. Piedmont High School's Kristen Sorenson, a resident of Oakland, competed for the younger squad.

## Experience pays off at Junior Olympics

Girls under-18 team goes 5-2, under-16 team is 1-4

By Scott Strain  
STAFF WRITER

Let the record show that the Oakland Water Polo team lived and died with experience. In top-flight competition such as the Junior National Olympics, that is usually the case. For the OWP, it was a scenario come true.

The Oakland team, coached by Aileen Finney of Piedmont and Bill Gaebler of Berkeley, sent two teams to the Junior Olympic competition in Orange County last week. The under-18 team, the more experienced group, went 5-2 in the competition. The under-16 team, which had a team member (Jenny Knutson of St. Theresa's) as young as 11, had a 1-4 record. Experience wins, inexperience learns.

"We didn't have enough players to fill out the under-16 team from that age group," Finney said. "So we had to go down to the under-14 team. Nine of the girls had no previous experience in the Junior Olympics, only three had been there before."

Oddly enough Knutson, despite being the youngest player, was one of the most experienced players on the team — it was her third Junior National Olympics, according to Finney.

The under-18 team featured five seniors from Piedmont High: Jessica Falar斯基, Kelly Melia-Teevan, Linda Meckel, Jessica Frizzell and Julia Follick. The team included Cody Keffer, a senior from Berkeley High, and Colleen Lopez, a recent graduate of Bishop O'Dowd.

Lopez will be a freshman at UC-Davis in the fall. Four players from Las Lomas and Northgate rounded out the squad.

The team opened with a 7-1 victory over Rancho Bernardo as Melia-Teevan scored two goals. Oakland then completed its bracket undefeated with a 12-1 victory over Central Coast (San Luis Obispo).

"The first-place team in one bracket then crossed over to play first-place teams in other brackets," Finney said. "We had one of the harder crossovers. It was the luck of the draw."

Oakland then lost two matches to two extremely tough teams — 4-2 to Golden West (Long Beach) and 4-3 to Davis.

"These were two very talented, very experienced teams," Finney said. "We played them extremely well. We opened a few eyes by playing them close. We had some good games — no one expected us to play this well."

Brought back down to earth, Oakland then proceeded to win its last three games, beating Chicago 6-3, East San Bernardino 6-2 and ORCA (Villa Park) 7-2.

"They did a great job," Finney said of her group, which had been practicing together since January and had participated in the Junior Nationals in May. "People said a lot of good stuff about us."

Finney cited Melia-Teevan as having the best offense and Meckel playing some tough defense. Frizzell and Follick played well, "and had some nice outside shots," Finney said. Falar斯基 split time in goal with Jennifer Sanderson of Las Lomas and had a very good tournament.

The under-16 team did not fare as well, but still won its last match after four losses. Oakland lost 13-1 to Stanford, 11-

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## Interest in old PCL still alive, thanks to loyal fans

By Scott Strain  
STAFF WRITER

If there is an interest, the fans will come. And last Saturday, they came to the Oakland Museum.

For anyone who wants information on the old Pacific Coast League, there is an organization that can help you with that information. It is called the Pacific Coast League Historical Society, a grand title for an informal group that helps perpetuate the memory of a league that changed radically when Major League Baseball came to the West Coast in 1958.

The society held its annual get-together in Northern California on Saturday at the James B. Moore Theatre at the Oakland Museum. Former PCL players, exhibitors and just plain fans showed up for the festivities that included a luncheon, video presentation and panel discussion.

The whole affair was riotous, the stories tinged with a bit of incredulity. But it all happened (maybe not EXACTLY the way the players remembered it) — the society's *raison d'être* is to prevent the whole thing from being forgotten.

"This is an informal group," said society president, Dick Beverage. "It's a non-profit organization and we don't make any money. We were founded in 1986 in Southern California and we had our first reunion that year. We're up to

about 780 members.

"The purpose is to memorialize the old Pacific Coast League as it was in the days that most of us remember it. We want to honor the players that played in it because they probably didn't get much recognition in those days."

The PCL was formed in 1903 and continues to this day. The heyday of the league, as far as the society is concerned, is from that 1903 beginning until 1957. "We've expanded it a little bit because some of the guys played from 1958 through the 1962 season," Beverage said. "The minor leagues then took a complete change in 1963."

The old PCL was an amalgamation of younger players moving up and older players moving down. Now the league is primarily made up of young players trying to reach the majors. Few players nowadays, after their major-league careers are over, stay in the minors.

The society is very informal and a labor of love for the those involved. "An office?" asked Beverage, who lives in Placentia. "You're looking at the office."

The idea for the society came about when Beverage and a few friends were sitting around and talking about the old PCL. The question was asked, said Beverage, "Would anybody be interested if we had a reunion just to talk about the PCL? It was very well received and very well attended."

"This is an informal group. It's a non-profit organization and we don't make any money. We were founded in 1986 in Southern California and we had our first reunion that year (1987) and 53 people showed up, including 15 players. It just went from there — we now draw up to 400 at those reunions."

Those are the ones held in Southern California. The one at the Oakland Museum drew about 200, the largest since the first one was held in Northern California in 1994, when the museum held an exhibit featuring the history of the PCL. It was very well received and very well attended.

"People would write us and ask if we

couldn't have any event up here," Beverage said. "We wanted to do it, but if we were going to travel hundreds of miles, we needed a venue. When that (exhibit) opened, the Oakland Museum opened its arms to the Pacific Coast League and the Society. The next year we had our first reunion and we've been here ever since."

"We get some press coverage and some TV coverage," Beverage said. "The most satisfying thing is getting together the players, their teammates from 40 and 50 years ago when they haven't seen each other for a long time."

Indeed. The panel discussion, moderated by Beverage, was one of the more rollicking ones ever held within the bare concrete walls of the Oakland Museum. Pretension was checked in the door.

"It was a unique league," Beverage said. "There's no question about it."

The society holds two reunions per year, one in Southern California in May and the other in Oakland in August. There is no official Web site for the society, but Zachariah Ford publishes a bimonthly newsletter, "Section 32," that offers news and features about the old PCL. The address is 2235 Thores St., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. There is a Web site dedicated to the 1948 Oakland Oaks and that address is <http://members.xoom.com/oaklandoaks>.



MIKE McGREEHAN

Between the Lines

## Glory days are gone, but PCL lives on

Oakland native Ernie Lombardi won two National League batting titles, despite a notorious lack of speed. Steve Bilko won three consecutive Pacific Coast League MVP awards and inspired a name for a television character. And former Oakland Oaks manager Casey Stengel invented a language all his own.

Stengel died in 1975, Lombardi in 1977 and Bilko in 1978. But the spirits of all three and other PCL greats were alive and well Saturday when the PCL Historical Society held its sixth annual Dick Dobbins Memorial Reunion at the Oakland Museum.

Memories, anecdotes and laughs abounded as former players, their families and fans young and old celebrated

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the league as it was years ago.

"One time, Bilko was up and Cuno (Barragan) was catching," recalled Bill Watkins, who pitched for the Sacramento Solons, among other teams in the PCL. "I shook off the curve, shook off the slider and shook off the changeup. Cuno calls time out. He asks me, 'What do want to pitch him?' I said I didn't want to pitch him anything."

Bilko, a burly first baseman, was league MVP with the Los Angeles Angels from 1955 through 1957. He belted a career-high 56 home runs in 1957 with 140 RBI and won the PCL Triple Crown in '56 with a .360 batting average and 55 home runs. The Phil Silvers character, "Sergeant Bilko," took its name from the late player, whose name caught the eye of one of the show's creators.

Stengel, who went on to a Hall of Fame managing career with the Yankees, guided the Oaks to the 1948 PCL championship. Lombardi was

one of his famed "Nine Old Men" that season.

Lombardi, a catcher, was 40 and in the last year of his professional career. Earlier he had been a star with the Cincinnati Reds and Boston Braves, winning batting titles in 1938 and 1942. Lombardi, who finished with a .306 average in 17 major-league seasons, was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1986.

Billy Raimondi, Dario Lodigiani and Mel Duezabou were among the 1948 Oaks on hand to share their recollections. Others had memories, too.

Oaks fan Dave Wood recalled a time when he and friend Ralph Sigler waited for autographs outside the Oaks clubhouse. A thunderous noise coming through the corridor nearly scared the two friends away.

"It was Ernie Lombardi," said Wood, describing the big steps of the 6-foot-3, 230-pound catcher.

"He was a big guy," said Sigler, an Oakland resident. "He had big hands, too. I once saw him catch a fastball bare-handed."

Wood and Sigler also remembered Lombardi stealing a base on one occasion. Former Oaks catcher

Charlie Silvera remembered it, too. It was one of the few bases Lombardi had pilfered in his entire career. And he pilfered it off Silvera, who went on to a major-league career with the Yankees and Cubs.

Silvera, a San Francisco native, also had the distinction as the only person ever to take the field in each of the city's professional baseball parks.

"I played at Recreation Park, Ewing Field, Seals Stadium, Candlestick Park, and I threw out the first pitch at Pac Bell Park. This made it full circle," said Silvera.

PCL Historical Society reunions are always lively events. Author and historian Dick Dobbins helped launch the first reunion. Dobbins died in 1999, but his work continues through the efforts of Dick Beverage, Mark Macrae and Mark Medeiros. Dobbins was honored with a round of applause rather than a moment of silence.

"Dick did not like silence," said Macrae.

Two years ago, the reunion paid special honor to the 50th anniversary of the 1948 Oaks. Last year's reunion at the Oakland Museum commemorated the 50th anniversary

of the San Francisco Seals' trip to Japan. This year was more a general history potpourri with panel discussions involving players and fans.

Before starting the panel discussions in the museum theater, those in attendance viewed a well-produced documentary, "Baseball by the Golden Gate," which had originally aired on KRON-TV after the All-Star Game last month.

The documentary touched on many aspects of Bay Area baseball before the Giants moved to San Francisco in 1958. Segregation was as alive on the West Coast as in other parts of the country. Japanese-Americans organized their own leagues. Baseball became a staple of relocation camps in World War II.

Oakland's late former mayor, Lilonel "Lefty" Wilson, pitched for the Oakland Larks of the West Coast Baseball Association, a short-lived stab at black professional baseball just after World War II.

PCL graduates Lombardi, Chick Hafey, Earl Averill, Lefty Gomez, Harry Heilmann, Paul Waner and Joe DiMaggio all went on to Hall of Fame major-league careers.

After the documentary, Silvera, Watkins and Claude Christie kept things lively with more great baseball yarns. Christie, a former catcher credited with inventing the batting tee, played for the 1951 champion Seattle Rainiers under manager Rogers Hornsby.

"You either played his way or the highway," Christie said of the late Hall of Famer.

Before television beamed major league games to the West Coast, the PCL was alive and vibrant. League executives wanted it to become a third major league. Many fans already considered it so.

The PCL's glory days might be gone but, like many of its players, its spirit lives on. For those who are steeped in baseball history, a PCL reunion is a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Jim Otto book signing

Former Raiders center Jim Otto, a Pro Football Hall of Famer, will introduce his new autobiography, "The Pain of Glory" with a book signing from 1-3 p.m. at the Raiders Locker Room in Fremont (3918 Decoto Road) on Saturday, Aug. 19. Otto played his entire career with the Raiders, a stretch of 210 consecutive games, from 1960-74, and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility in 1980.

### Boys elite volleyball

E. Bay VBC is announcing tryouts for one elite high school boys club volleyball team. This team will compete in the NCVVA 2000 fall season and the 2001 Junior National Championships. Tryouts will take place 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Albany Services is holding tryouts for players 12-14 years old. The camp runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday. Drill gear to be used.

Summer soccer camp for ages 5-12 is offered at the Albany Recreation Services at \$24.

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2 to Marin, 4-3 to Redlands and 9-2 to San Clemente before defeating EAST (San Bernardino) 5-2.

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# Arts

## Fun, zany 'Cecil' starts out strong, but shifts tone, fizzles in second half

By Mary F. Pols  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

The first half of the new John Waters movie "Cecil B. DeMented" is so clever and funny that it feels like a real shame when the movie loses steam and collapses on itself in the second half.

From the get-go, "Cecil B. DeMented" promises a lot. In the opening montage, Waters' camera pans lovingly over the marques of Baltimore's fading old moviehouses and then lights on what's being offered: "Scream 4," "Star Trek," "Star Wars," "Postman 2," even a Pauly Shore marathon (perish the thought). We know we're in for a sendup of ordinary Hollywood fare. There's nothing out there, Waters is saying, but something good is coming.

Into this bleak world burst the Sprocket Holes, a gang of cinema terrorists led by Cecil B. DeMented (Stephen Dorff). The Sprocket Holes are determined to reverse the tide of bad movies flowing out of Hollywood by producing their own outlaw film. But they need a star, a recognizable name to capture the public's attention, so they kidnap Oscar-winner Honey Whitlock (Melanie Griffith) while she is in town publicizing her insipid new movie "Some Kind of Happiness," which was shot in Baltimore.

Our introduction to Griffith's character is memorable. Publicly, she's gushing "Baltimore really is best," but privately, she's ranting about wanting to get back to L.A. to her assistant (Ricky Lake) and the rest of her entourage. "If one (expletive) mentions a crab cake to me, I'm going to puke," she says. She's a complete wretch, and Griffith plays her with the same kind of zany relish she brought to "Something Wild" so long ago. She's parroting the image of every big star in Hollywood, including herself, and she does so with beautiful abandon.

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STEPHEN DORFF, left, as Cecil, talks to the kidnapped Melanie Griffith, as Hollywood star Honey Whitlock.

### REVIEW

■ WHAT: "Cecil B. DeMented"  
■ STARRING: Melanie Griffith, Stephen Dorff, Alicia Witt, Mink Stole, Patricia Hearst, Ricky Lake  
■ RATING: R (crude sexual content, violence, language and drug use)  
■ RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 28 minutes  
■ WHERE: Playing at the Bridge, S.F., and the Act I and II, Berkeley  
■ GRADE: C+

The sequence where the Sprocket Holes take over the premiere and kidnap the glamorous Honey is a snappy dream. They've infiltrated the theater staff beforehand and stashed their weapons all over the place, in the popcorn, under the seats, in the potted plants. Whispering "in the name of underground cin-

ema," in their walkie-talkies, they go into action, and Honey is whisked off to their lair, shouting over her shoulder, "Call the studio, call Jack Valenti!"

The Sprocket Holes introduce themselves to Honey one by one, showing off their tattoos. Each has the name of their favorite director

etched in their skin: Otto Preminger, Sam Peckinpah, Spike Lee, Pedro Almodóvar (Waters has said he got the idea from one of his own fans, who asked him to sign her back and then had it turned into a tattoo).

Cecil, wearing a straitjacket, fills Honey in on his plan to shoot his opus, "Raving Beauty," on the streets of Baltimore, guerrilla-style, with her as the star. Honey will play the owner of a failed arthouse theater who takes revenge on the multiplexes and then the Hollywood system, with her daughter at her side. Naturally, the fortysomething Honey balks at playing mother to Sprocket porn-star Cherish (Alicia Witt). But there's no arguing with Cecil.

"One day you'll thank me for saving you from your bad career," he tells her.

The guy with the Almodóvar tattoo does her hair, bleaching it practically white. She's outfitted in a hideous costume and makeup to look like a cross between a silent film star and Cleopatra. "Oh my God, I look terrible," she wails, and the Sprockets applaud approvingly.

Honey is so vain that it doesn't take much more than a little praise from her kidnappers to make her compliant. Soon she's bursting into a screening of "Patch Adams: The Director's Cut" with them, shouting "The first one was long enough!" These sharp, on-target anti-Hollywood jokes keep on rolling as the filmmakers shift location, first to a luncheon sponsored by the Maryland Film Commission and then to the set of "Gump Again," a sequel to "Forrest Gump" being shot in Baltimore (with Kevin Nealon as the star). But to Honey's dismay, it turns out that the Sprocket Holes are using real guns, and there is a mounting death toll on the set. She becomes a wanted woman, maligned on the

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# Deciphering subjective movie ratings

Hollywood, parents both upset over film designations — is the MPAA at fault?

### MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about the Motion Picture Association of America's ratings system, or to search for the rating of a movie and an explanation of the rating, go the MPAA Web site: [www.mpaa.org](http://www.mpaa.org).

blink twice at violence."

Taylor says that's not so. The ratings board, made up of 12 to 15 parents, most of them selected from California Parent Teacher associations, has no guidelines for content. "It's a matter of looking at a number of factors," says Taylor. "It is subjective. For every director who says ratings are restrictive and wrong, there's a parent saying they weren't enough."

Because ratings are subjective, standards change over time. "Midnight Cowboy," rated X in 1969, was resubmitted a couple of years ago and had no trouble earning an R. So here's a look at what kind of content is included in each ratings category, right now:

#### G (All ages admitted)

It's almost solely the province of children's and nature films. The G rating is not considered a plus when a studio markets a movie, which is why only 36 of last year's 675 movies were rated G.

The occasional hip cartoon, such as the current "Chicken Run," can cross over to audiences other than kids and their parents, and Disney's



'JADE,' starring Linda Fiorentino and Chazz Palminteri, left, was a classic example of a director including really steamy scenes he knew would be cut so he could keep the ones he wanted. The creators of 'South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut,' right, used the movie as a vehicle to poke fun at the MPAA's standards.



cartoons routinely hit the \$100 million box office mark on brand name alone. Even so, the G rating is a liability, because the largest moviegoing demographic (teen-age boys) embraces G movies about as enthusiastically as it embraces taking out the garbage.

Despite the rating's family-friendly sound, many G movies contain material that bugs parents. My sister, for instance, would prefer to shield my 2 1/2-year-old nephew from violence and fighting. Good luck, sis, because virtually every animated film either puts violence at its center ("Mulan," "Tarzan" or the movie "Dinosaur").

Heck, "Chicken Run" is set in a satiric prisoner-of-war camp, complete with images of execution and solitary confinement. Admittedly, it's chicks being thrown in the hole, but even so, the message to parents seems to be: No subject matter is out of bounds for G films, as long as it's drawn instead of acted by real people.

#### PG (Parental guidance — some material may not be suitable for children)

Well, maybe one subject is out of bounds: sex. Violence is no problem, as long as it's not too bloody or graphic. But sex? Big problem. The current "Titan A.E." is a rare

PG-rated cartoon, as was the recent "The Road to El Dorado."

What do both have in common? Bare cartoon butts.

PG ratings are almost as infrequent as G's (64 last year), probably because there's no difference between PG and PG-13, in terms of who can get in (although the G rating means "all ages admitted," the truth is that all ages are admitted to PG and PG-13 movies, too). So studios may as well play it safe and go for the racier-sounding PG-13.

Every once in a while, there's a movie that benefits from a PG rating, such as the Bruce Willis vehicle "The Kid," because it's pitched to both parents and children, whereas G-rated movies are pitched to kids who haul

their parents along. The difference between a G and a PG is usually language, since G movies can't get away with even the mildest of swear words, but PG movies can. (There are obvious limits here, though. To find out where the line is drawn, take a look at "Galaxy Quest," in which Sigourney Weaver's usage of a famous obscenity was noticeably dubbed over to earn the movie a PG rating.)

You can't use drugs in a PG movie, either, and if there's violence, it's probably a playground fistfight. Ironically, G movies are often more violent than PG ones. The battle scene in G-rated "Mulan" probably would have warranted a PG-13 with real actors.

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## FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

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Showtimes for Friday, August 18

## Alameda County

**Act 1 & II**  
Center St. on Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM  
• *Butterfly* (R) 7:10, 9:40  
• *Cecil B. Demented* (R) 7:10, 9:40

**Albany Twin**  
Solana of San Pablo Ave., Albany 843-FILM  
• *Girl on the Bridge* (R) 7:00, 9:00  
• *Saving Grace* (R) 4:45, 6:45

**California Theatres**  
On Kitefence at Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM  
• *The Cell* (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45  
• *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps* (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25  
• *The Perfect Storm* (PG-13) 1:15, 3:45, 6:45, 9:20

**25th Union City Union Landing** ★

3110 Union City Blvd., Union City 487-5953

• *Autumn in New York* (PG-13) 10:30 a.m., 12:40, 2:20, 3:15, 4:45, 6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 10:45

• *Bless the Child* (R) 11:15 a.m., 2:00, 2:45

• *The Cell* (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45, 10:45

• *Hollow Man* (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 4:20, 5:05, 7:05, 7:45, 9:45, 10:45

• *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps* (PG-13) 12:30, 3:05, 5:35, 6:30, 8:45, 9:45

• *The Original Kings of Comedy* (NR) 11:30 a.m., 12:45

1:30, 2:15, 3:30, 4:00, 5:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30

• *The Patriot* (R) 7:00, 10:30

• *The Perfect Storm* (PG-13) 7:25, 10:10

• *Pokeman: The Movie* (2000) (G) 4:00, 4:45

• *The Replacements* (PG-13) 1:00 a.m., 1:35, 2:25, 4:15, 5:05, 7:15, 9:45, 10:45

• *Savvy Grace* (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:25, 3:35, 6:00, 8:10, 9:00

• *Space Cowboys* (PG-13) 12:20, 1:10, 3:10, 6:00, 6:55, 9:00

• *Thomas and the Magic Railroad* (G) 11:20 a.m.

• *What Lies Beneath* (PG-13) 4:05, 7:10, 10:00

• *X-Men* (PG-13) 7:00, 9:45

**Chabot Cinema**

2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 592-2555

• *Space Cowboys* (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

**Elmwood**

2965 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530

• *Chuck & Buck* (PG) 5:00, 9:05

• *The Color of Paradise* (PG) 1:15, 7:15

• *East Is East* (R) 2:55, 4:15, 6:45, 8:45

• *Gladiator* (R) 3:00, 9:15

• *Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai* (R) 12:30, 4:45, 9:00

• *Small Time Crook* (PG) 2:45, 7:00

• *Up at the Villa* (PG-13) 5:00

**Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley** ★

2451 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 845-1143

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**Grand Lake Theater**

3200 Grand Ave., Oakland 452-3556

• *Godzilla 2000* (PG) 12:30, 3:00, 6:00, 8:15, 10:15

• *Hollow Man* (R) 3:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:15

• *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps* (PG-13) 2:35, 4:45, 7:15

• *The Replacements* (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 1:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45

• *X-Men* (PG-13) 12:15, 9:30

**Jack London Cinema** ★

100 Washington St., Oakland 433-1320

• *Autumn in New York* (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 3:30, 7:15, 10:00

• *Bless the Child* (R) 11:15 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

• *The Cell* (R) 1:15 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 10:05

• *Hollow Man* (R) 1:20 a.m., 2:10, 5:00, 7:55, 10:45

• *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps* (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 1:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

• *The Original Kings of Comedy* (NR) 11:05 a.m., 1:55

4:50, 7:40, 10:35

• *Space Cowboys* (PG-13) 10:00 a.m., 4:40, 7:45, 10:30

• *What Lies Beneath* (PG-13) 10:10 a.m., 1:10, 4:05, 7:10, 10:15

• *X-Men* (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 2:15, 7:40

**Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward** ★

3849 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000

• *Dewane* (NR) 5:00, 9:00

• *Drakon* (NR) 5:00, 9:00

• *Hay Di Jo Pyar Karya* (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00

• *Jungle* (NR) 1:00, 9:00

• *Parade of Flowers* (NR) 9:30

• *Refugee* (NR) 5:00, 9:00

• *Tarkshi* (NR) 5:00

• *Tera Jadoo Chal Gayaa* (NR) 9:00

**Oaks Theater** ★

1875 Solaris Ave., Berkeley 526-1835

• *Space Cowboys* (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30

• *Steal This Movie!* (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45

**Piedmont Theatre**

Pearl at 81 Colton, 833-FILM

• *But I'm a Cheerleader* (R) 5:15, 7:15, 9:15

• *Chicken Run* (G) 4:00, 6:00

• *Saving Grace* (R) 4:50, 7:00, 9:20

• *Sunshish* (R) 8:00

**Shattuck Cinemas** ★

On Shattuck at Kitefence, Berkeley 843-FILM

• *But I'm a Cheerleader* (R) 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20

• *Chicken Run* (G) 4:15, 4:45, 4:45, 8:45

• *Crocodile Dundee* (PG) 2:30, 7:30, 10:30

• *Godzilla 2000* (PG) 11:00 a.m., 2:15, 5:10, 7:45, 9:30

• *Hollow Man* (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:45, 7:00

• *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps* (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

• *The Replacements* (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 2:30, 4:25, 8:10, 11:00

• *Savvy Movie* (R) 10:45

• *What Lies Beneath* (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 1:45, 4:50, 7:55, 10:50

**UA Emeryville 7** ★

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 843-1487

• *Autumn in New York* (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

• *Bless the Child* (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 10:30

• *Coyote Ugly* (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

• *Godzilla 2000* (PG) 11:20 a.m., 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30

• *Hollow Man* (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:10, 10:30

• *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps* (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

• *The Original Kings of Comedy* (NR) 10:35 a.m., 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35

• *The Replacements* (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 2:45, 5:30, 8:10, 10:40

• *Space Cowboys* (PG-13) 10:40 a.m., 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40

• *What Lies Beneath* (PG-13) 10:30 a.m., 1:20, 2:40, 7:20, 10:20

**UA Hayward 6** ★

2480 Emery St., Hayward 785-3000

• *Autumn in New York* (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:15,

7:20, 10:00  
• *Bless the Child* (R) noon, 2:30, 5:10, 8:00, 10:30  
• *Coyote Ugly* (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 4:45, 7:45, 9:30  
• *Godzilla 2000* (PG) 11:20 a.m., 1:40, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45  
• *Hollow Man* (R) 11:10 a.m., 2:10, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30  
• *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps* (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30

**UC Theatre** ★

University Avenue between Milvia Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM

• *Getting to Know You* (NR) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

**Central Contra Costa**

Festival Walnut Creek ★

1450 N California Blvd., Walnut Creek 945-8649

• *Autumn in New York* (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30

• *The Cell* (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30

• *Coyote Ugly* (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

• *Saving Grace* (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

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# Women In Business

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Rocio enjoys creating comfortable and inviting interiors that reflect each clients' unique tastes. Her residential design experience includes remodeling bathrooms, selecting finishes for interior use, selecting furniture and developing interior color schemes.



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Amy Collins joined The Hawkins Design Group in the Spring of 2000. A graduate of the University of California, Davis, Amy received her bachelor's degree in Fine Art, with a focus on color theory. With over ten years of experience in the hospitality industry in San Francisco, Amy has participated in event coordination, guest relations management, and fundraising events for both charitable and profitable organizations.

Amy works with new clients interested in designing their residences, and has recently accepted the position of staging Coordinator. Amy's understanding of color, composition and balance has proven successful in managing the staging department. She will be the primary company contact for Realtors and home owners interested in



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### Andrea Hawkins Hawkins Design Group; Principal

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Andrea graduated from the Academy of Arts College in San Francisco with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with honors. She also attended the Dominican College Liberal Arts program. Throughout the years, Andrea continues to give back to her community through various organizations: The Junior League of Oakland East Bay • Larkin Street Youth Center • San Francisco Children's Support League Show Houses • Black Hawk Christmas Tour • The Danny Foundation • The Anne Martin Center.



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Dr. Nancie Odbert is the newest member of the Harbor Bay Chiropractic family. Dr. Odbert graduated *summa cum laude* from Life Chiropractic College West in San Lorenzo, California, Salutatorian of the graduating class. Dr. Odbert has a Bachelor of Science degree from University of California at Davis. She spent over 15 years as a food technologist developing food products for companies such as Libby's, Kern's, Contidina and Dole before changing careers to become a Doctor of Chiropractic. Her four years of chiropractic college consisted of 4,400 hours of classroom and laboratory instruction that included such subjects as physiology, neurology, spinal biomechanics and radiology.

Dr. Odbert worked at Harbor Bay Chiropractic for three years while attending chiropractic school performing soft-tissue work and helping with patients, so she feels right at home at Harbor Bay Chiropractic. Chiropractic has played an important role in the health care of three generations of Dr. Odbert's family, so she understands the power of the adjustment, and our body's innate ability to heal itself.



Besides her formal education background, she continues her education through seminars and workshops to keep on top of emerging chiropractic trends and techniques to provide top quality health care. Dr. Odbert is a member of LaTip of Alameda, a business networking group.

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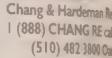
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### Meet Ramona Chang

Ramona was multi-million dollar producer her first year as an agent and every year since. "I started my career working for my dad. He is my mentor and competitor." She also worked as an appraiser, working her way up to a Certified Residential Broker, one of only 7000 in the United States. But what makes Ramona stand out in the real estate crowd is her ability to help people completely through a transaction. Ramona's portfolio includes many awards and accomplishments. But none are as important as the "caring commitment to her clients."

Ramona was awarded the designation of SRES SENIORS Real Estate Specialist, by the SENIOR Advantage Real Estate Council. This organization recognizes the special issues and needs of senior property owners and provides training and education opportunities to Realtors desiring to cater specifically to seniors.

This tax season she offered her free tax preparation service again to the needy. "What I do is not special, I just want them to save their hard earned dollars."



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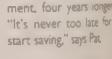
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Women's financial well-being depends on issues unique to their gender. This has nothing to do with smarts, savvy, or character, but lots to do with demographics and biology.



For example, women are more likely to live for at least 19 years than men, four years longer than men. "It's never too late for women to start saving," says Pat.

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#### Barbara's Therapeutic Massage

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Recently my massage business has relocated from Piedmont Avenue, in Oakland to 1505 Webster Street, in Alameda.

In my eight years of doing massage in the East Bay, I have specialized in senior care, visiting senior homes, and skilled nursing facilities. My specialties include the Swedish, Shiatsu and Reflexology techniques of massage therapy.

I received my training at the National Holistic Institute, in Emeryville. I belong to several organizations, including the American Massage Therapist Association, Alameda, and Oakland Chambers of Commerce.



I moved to Alameda 25 years ago and raised my two children here. At that time, I was active in Boy and Girl Scouts and the PTA, which included work with Toys for Tots.

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### Joanne Huie

#### Hawkins Design Group

Joanne Huie recently joined Hawkins Design Group as an Interior Designer. With over 4 years of commercial design experience, Joanne was formerly a color consultant/consultant interior designer for Sayler Incorporated, in San Mateo.

Joanne's commercial design experience includes the renovation of apartment buildings and condominium common areas and Clubhouses. Projects range from a small 40 unit building to a large 1,000 unit condominium complex in which Joanne provides the client with a master plan that includes paint colors, wallcovering, floorcovering, lighting, furnishings, plants, artwork and interior signage suggestions. Joanne finds this area of design particularly rewarding because of the increase in value of the property after a re-design face lift. Joanne says, "Selecting furnishings and finishes that matches the clients lifestyle is the fun part of the job, but meeting client's budgets is the necessary challenge." She is a designer that thrives on accomplishing both objectives.

Joanne's educational background includes a B.S. in Interior Design from San Jose State University and a B.S. in Accounting from San Francisco State University. Prior to being an interior designer she was a tax



accountant at Dean Witter Reynolds in San Francisco. Her combined backgrounds make her particularly knowledgeable of budgeting and cost control matters and well-suited to serve the best interest of the client.

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# Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

**Children**

The Hall of Health, a Health Exhibit Museum, 1111 Shattuck Ave., offers two shows on Saturday Aug. 19, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. The museum is for children of all ages and their parents. The kids on the Block, the award-winning children's puppet troupe, includes puppets with such conditions as cleft lip, cleft palate, blindness and Down syndrome. The show promotes acceptance and understanding of physical and mental differences. The Museum and Science Center is sponsored by children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For additional information, call 549-1564.

The Contra Costa Civic Theatre in El Sobrante has a few openings in its last week of Summer Drama Camp. The weekly, two-week session, runs Aug. 26 through Sept. 1. Students, ages 7-12, are cast in original plays, and students also work on other aspects of theatre production including stage set-up, clowning and dance. Tuition is \$175 for the two-week session. For registration information, call 524-9132. The Kids Dance (LKD) offers dance and singing classes for children and teens ages 5-17 in a fun and supportive environment. Locations: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.; El Cerrito, Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona St.; Oakland, Glenview Performing Arts Center, 1318 Glenfield Ave. and Mont-Clair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650

Mountain Blvd. For more information, call the LKD central office at 530-4113. LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

The Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations, and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: lshinfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

## Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support

group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

**YWCA Health and Community Education**, drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

## Community

The Richmond Museum of History sponsors a bus tour of historic sites in Richmond on Sunday, Aug. 27. The tour begins at Ferry Point at 10 a.m., and returns at 2 p.m. It will visit sites important in Richmond's history and current development featuring places prominent in World War II homefront activities. Several stops will offer opportunities for a closer look and photographs. The tour will be led by Shirley Sampson, assistant curator at the Richmond Museum. Cost: \$20 per person, including lunch. Advance reservations are absolutely required as space is limited. Call the Museum at 235-7387 to reserve a seat and get directions to Ferry Point.

"Hecho en Califas," La Pena Cultural Center's week-long series is Wednesday, Sept. 20 through Sunday, Sept. 24. The series mixes several genres; spoken word, performance, live music etc.

For additional information, call 849-2568 ext. 15 for additional information.

**Program for Adult College Education (PACE)** is open to Vista Community College through Saturday, Sept. 9. PACE is a college alternative for adults with job and family responsibilities. The program allows them to finish their freshman and sophomore years in 2-

1/2 to three years, then transfer to a four-year college to complete their bachelor's degrees. Counseling, financial aid, career planning, and library services are available to all PACE students. Phone 981-2860 for information about enrollment.

The San Pablo Neighborhood Council, Berkeley's oldest and historic neighborhood association, celebrates its 50th anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at San Pablo Park, Oregon and Ward Streets. There will be games for children, vendors, food and drink, softball, basketball and tennis tournaments, live entertainment, talent show, and recognition of the founders. City Service information booth will be available. Volunteers are still welcomed. For additional information, call 845-4951.

The North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way, presents a Golden Age Party, honoring seniors over 90 years old. The center is a non-profit senior citizen center dedicated to serving the Berkeley community. For more information, call Maggie or Suzanne at 644-6107.

Computer software classes, two-year associate degree, and one-year occupational certificate programs in computer information systems and information technology begin Thursday, Aug. 24 at Vista Community College. Enroll at Vista Community College, 2020 Mivis St. between University Avenue and Addison Streets. Call 981-2863 for information about fall 2000 business, information technology and computer information systems degrees, certificates and classes.

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Women In Business recognizes women throughout the East Bay and the variety of professions they are pursuing. The following provides valuable resource information to businesses and individuals and reveals a multitude of professions established by women.

Today you can find women embracing careers in such fields as auto mechanics and chimney sweeping to entrepreneurs in the world of art and dancing. The areas of mortgage brokers, dentists, travel agents, psychologists and realtors have also attracted women as well as entertain-

ment, accounting, and public relations.

The opportunities continue to present themselves as more women-owned businesses develop. This special feature not only pays tribute to women, but offers a glimpse into the various backgrounds and accomplishments they have achieved.



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# Calendar

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**Auditions** for "Inherit the Wind," by Lawrence and Lee, a courtroom drama, will be held by Actors Ensemble of Berkeley on Sunday and Monday, Aug. 20 and 21, at 7 p.m. at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck. There are parts for 23 males and seven females from early teens to 70s. This is a non-equity, community theater production, with no pay. For more information, call 525-1620.

**The Women's Cancer Resource Center**, 1581 University Ave., will provide information at Wild Oats Market as part of its Women's Health Day. Help support the center and also enjoy free chair massages, spinal screenings, nutritional consulting and product samples. The center provides information, support and direct services to women with cancer in the Bay Area and nationally. Call Tammy Dyson, volunteer coordinator at 548-9286 ext. 304 for additional information.

**Vista Community College** offers three new short term specialty certificates in travel industry careers. They are designed for people who wish to study for careers in cruise sales, group travel, or air travel. Each certificate requires only six units. Travel cases are held Monday through Thursday, and on Saturdays. Fall classes begin Aug. 24. For information, contact de Souto, at 981-2931.

**Berkeley Higashi Honganji Church**, 1524 Oregon St. (near Ashby Avenue), presents an Ohan Bazaar. There will be games, prizes and activities for the children. Also Japanese food (Teriyaki chicken, sushi, udon noodles and more. Free admission. Bring the family. Call 843-6933 for additional information.

**Turning Point at the YWCA**, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

**Marion Rosen**, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experimental practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Page, at 845-6606.

**Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the

fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

**Berkeley Art Museum**, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

**Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

**Toestimasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice—Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

**Civil Rights** activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

**"Work Buddies"**; volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

**Psychic Healing** clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

**SMART project**; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

**The Eddie Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

**English-In-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

**Women's Dayline** Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

## Exhibits

**"Before & After-Alumni Exhibition 2000,"** continues through Aug. 24 at the John F. Kennedy University Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave. Hours: Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event is free. Call 649-0499 for additional information.

**Turn of the Century Fine Arts**, 2510 San Pablo Ave., presents the exhibit "Hot Summer Salons," through Sept. 30. Paintings, drawings, sculpture, furniture, clocks and objects d'art by twelve curating artists. Gallery Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 1-6 p.m. or by appointment. Call 849-0950 or 800-849-6059 for additional information.

**The Richmond Art Center**, 2540 Barrett Ave., continues its exhibit "The Future of the Body," through Aug. 19. Other exhibits include "Bay Area Selections: Textiles/Fiber Arts," and "From Our Studios," ceramic sculpture, drawings and

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# Interesting career path to becoming a caterer

## Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

How, and why, does a woman decide to become a caterer? Well, in Elaine Binger's case it was an interesting progression. The Bingers had lived in Switzerland for a year, when husband and wife, sent by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he was a scientist, worked at the Lab in Albany. They returned home, only to go back again to Europe, this time to Belgium. They settled in Richmond, home, and put everything in storage, then were in Brussels for two years. "At first I was appalled," Elaine notes, "but it turned out fine." They returned, finally, in 1970, "I was just being a housewife. I got to the point where I decided I wanted to do that for the rest of my life." It was then that she found out about a short course in cooking at Cal by a woman who was working on her PhD. It was for women who had been out of college for 20 years or more.

"She asked us what we would like to do and discussed how we would go about doing it." Elaine smiles as she says, "The only thing I could think about was something to do with food." It was, she says, an interesting six-week course, and it got her thinking in that direction.

But she didn't rush into it. First she went to Noah's Delicatessen in Berkeley, where she told them, "I can cook Jewish." She was hired.

She made things at home and would take them in as her employer needed them. "That lasted about a year, until a new owner came in and fired everybody."

Well, she thought to herself, maybe I can do catering. She was preparing for son Rick's Bar Mitzvah and planning a whole lunch. People in Temple Beth Hillel, in

Richmond, to which the family belonged, were volunteering help for Bar Mitzvah luncheons. Elaine stepped in, saying, "I am a caterer." And that was that. Elaine Binger was a caterer. As a matter of fact I remember that time, and the sudden change from Elaine, who always brought yummy things when food was needed at a meeting to Elaine, the caterer. I was very impressed.

In college Elaine had trained as a speech therapist. "I taught for a couple of years after I graduated," she remembers, "going from one oral field to another." But their European jaunts interrupted that.

"When I decided to become a caterer," Elaine says with some awe, "I didn't do much planning, or give it much thought. As a project came up I would make a list of my

favorite things, make up a menu, and meet with the client. And I bought things as they were needed. "I just made it up as I went along."

Now, of course, she makes up a menu, meets with the client, and the client can accept the menu, or make changes as desired. "I find that the majority of the people will accept the menu as proposed, almost without change." And she says that some clients are very particular, and she must work very closely with them.

She has people working for her to help setting up, serving, etc. "I am always looking for people," she says. It is especially hard to find bartenders.

Elaine was born in Detroit, and

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University of Michigan, studying as a speech therapist. She married right out of college and came to California, where her husband had a job. She taught English in the Oakland schools, but stopped to have children. Then it moved to Europe as noted above. The family has been very supportive. Daughter Deeme helped a lot with the business side of the work. Elaine said she does little advertising. The rest is word of mouth, and that, she says, is the best advertising. Specialties? Jewish and continental cuisine. "I make food that people can look at and know what it is," she says. She calls her firm "Soup To Nuts" and speaks of her love for what she does. She really enjoys

doing cocktail parties and receptions, but also loves doing the lunches, the breakfasts, dinners and all the rest. She does birthday parties, Bar Mitzvahs, Christenings and "all of life's special events."

She speaks of changes over time. These days people don't go for red meat very much. They prefer salmon or chicken.

Asked about her philosophy, she ruminates a bit. "When you are cooking for a large party you have to make familiar food. Not everybody likes the same thing, and when you create something 'nouveau' you are going to find that half the people aren't going to like it. So I try serving food that most of the people are going to enjoy." It is different from being in a restaurant, where you can have many fancy things, and people can take their choice, she says.

She speaks of the job she has for that evening. She will be serving a meal after a funeral. At my surprise she says she receives about a dozen calls a year for memorial or funeral services. Very often it is just one of the things she does. She really enjoys

family cannot handle, and she makes it as easy and convenient for them as she can.

Although the majority of her clients want full-service catering, sometimes they just want her to drop off the meal and leave. We chatted about her work, and at one point she said, yes, she does do desserts for most of the parties, but "I do not make decorated cakes." (She buys them from a bakery if the party absolutely must have one.) And then she adds, "My desserts are much better than any bakery."

Elaine Binger and SoupTo Nuts can be reached by calling 510-528-3332. Her email is [SoupToNuts@earthlink.net](mailto:SoupToNuts@earthlink.net).

I enjoyed meeting Elaine at the Farmers Market, and catching up with her through the intervening years. And I love learning more about things I thought I knew something about. So do give me your input: interesting people, events, organizations, travel or etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is [cgenser@aol.com](mailto:cgenser@aol.com).

## PEOPLE

## Anh Quynh Bui

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Anh Quynh Bui of El Cerrito will be published in "Tilting the Continent: Southeast Asian American Writing," an anthology coming out this month that features the works of U.S. residents of Bruneian, Burmese, Cambodian, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Laotian, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai or Vietnamese heritage.

Bui is a Vietnamese American and a Ph.D. candidate in English at UC Berkeley.

## Kenneth W. Dusterick

SPOKANE, Wash. — Kenneth W. Dusterick of Albany was among 546 students named to the Gonzaga University president's list for the spring semester. Students must have a grade point average of 3.7 or better to be listed.

Dusterick, the son of Catherine B. Dusterick, attended St. Mary's College High School and graduated summa cum laude in 1989. He was

an Eagle Scout with Troop 100 in Kensington.

He is an Army ROTC cadet entering his third year with the Army.

## Alison C. Davies

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. — Alison C. Davies, daughter of Phyllis Davies of Kensington and Brent Davies of Berkeley, received a BA in American Studies from Williams College at the college's 211th commencement on June 4.

## Alanna Choi

SALEM, Ore. — Alanna Choi of El Cerrito, a graduate of Castro Valley High School, was named to the Honors List for the spring semester, meeting the required grade point average of at least 3.75. Three-hundred students, about 18 percent of undergraduates, received college honors.

## Jill Forde

ITHACA, N.Y. — Jill Forde of El Cerrito received a Bachelor of Sci-

ence degree from Cornell University at its 132nd annual commencement held May 28.

## Enrique Vallejo

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — Enrique Vallejo, son of Enrique and Patricia Vallejo of Albany, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Wesleyan University in ceremonies held May 28. He is a graduate of Albany High School.

## Julia M. Scott

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Julia M. Scott, daughter of Ellen Mills of Kensington and a graduate of El Cerrito High School, graduated cum laude from Barnard College as a music major. Ceremonies were held May 17.

## Jenny Ruth Fineman

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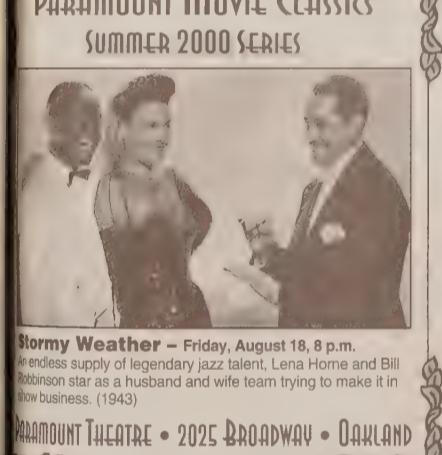
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## Cavalier Z24: What you see is what you get

### Keane on Wheels

By Tom Keane

It finally happened. I actually got to test-drive a car that wasn't loaded up with options. Case in point: 2000 Cavalier Z24 Coupe.

Oh, perhaps I have driven a few cars that didn't offer expensive extras, but that's because the car was already cruising in the supersonic price range. The Cavalier Z24, however, is only \$16,365 and provides enjoyable transportation.

My tester was a coupe, a body style that I'm not too fond of because coupes have large doors compared to a sedan. Getting in and out of the car in tight, side-by-side parking, is sometimes difficult and requires slithering in and out of the driver's seat.

The Z24 coupe has very pleasing styling. The shorter length and higher rear end make the vehicle look fast, especially with the 16-inch aluminum wheels — standard equipment. The Z24 comes with a rear spoiler giving the car a more aggressive appearance. But the fast-look is somewhat deceptive. This car has a modest 2.4-liter, four-cylinder engine that delivers only 150 horsepower.

My tester was equipped with a five-speed manual transmission that was easy to shift. When I pushed the Z24 hard by shifting to lower gears, I was able to keep pace with faster cars. And this car isn't a slouch when it comes to merging into fast-moving traffic.

Nevertheless, with a modest-sized



**DON'T BE FOOLED** by Chevy's 2000 Cavalier Z24 Coupe. Sleek styling and an aggressive-looking spoiler can't hide the fact that there's only a 2.4 liter, four-cylinder engine under that hood.

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### Drive, She Said



By Denise McCluggage

When the car you buy isn't quite the car you want

Want to make yourself unpopular? Ask someone who recently bought a new car or truck if he or she got exactly what was wanted. The person may well say "Oh, yeah. Love it!"

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# 1955 Cadillac Coupe de Ville viewed as dynamic

John E. Abell Sr. signed on as a mechanic in 1934 when Capitol Cadillac first opened on 22nd Street in the District of Columbia.

Before John retired in 1968, his son, Bud, was well on his way to becoming shop foreman.

The younger Abell started working part time at Capitol Cadillac during World War II. When he wasn't in school, he would go to work with his father. In 1947 he started working full time and retired as shop foreman at Capitol Cadillac in April 1993.

A year or so before retiring, Bud attended a couple of antique auto shows and thought how nice it would be to have one of those nice old cars. It would have to be a Cadillac, of course.

The prices of the first few antique Cadillacs, Abell looked at shocked him. Taking a deep breath, he dove back into the old-car market. He found a woman in Dunkirk, Md., who was selling her great-grandfather's 1955 Cadillac Coupe de Ville.

When Andrew Tressler was 78 years old, he bought the car new from Jerome Motor Co. in New Kensington, Pa., for a base price of \$4,305. After his death in 1974, the car passed to one of his granddaughters, Alice Watterton, in North Apollo, Pa.

When Alice's husband died in 1991, their daughter, Nancy Calahan, inherited the Cadillac. After almost 40 years, the car had been driven only 26,000 miles. In late 1992, Abell inspected the car, and even though some parts needed attention, he liked the originality of the car. The buyer and seller negotiated, but couldn't agree on a price. That was that — or was it?

In January 1993, the original owner's great-granddaughter called Abell to find out if he was still interested in the Cadillac.

He was. She said to come and get it.

Bud towed a trailer to pick up the car since he didn't trust the Caddy's ancient tires on it. Unfortunately, the Cadillac is wider than most cars and would not fit on the trailer. He located an 18-wheel tractor-trailer rig which easily handled the 4,424-pound Cadillac.

Once the car was safely ensconced in Abell's Upper Marlboro, Md., garage it received a thorough going over. He found the air cleaner cover was on the back seat since the carburetor required constant priming due to a faulty fuel pump.

"The water pump was shot, too," Abell recalls. He installed a new fuel pump, water pump and carpeting since one of the dual heater cores had leaked. Additionally, he mounted new Firestone 8.20x15-inch whitewall tires.

Much to his surprise, Abell discovered none of the ashtrays nor any of the lighters had ever been used. "Nobody ever smoked in this car," Abell happily proclaims.

The AM radio with a second speaker in the rear has a signal-seeking wonderbar function and a vacuum-powered antenna. The windshield wipers are also vacuum powered. The electric dashboard clock needed the attention of a repairman. Atop the left end of the padded dashboard, just inside the panoramic windshield, sets the automatic headlight-dimming autronic eye. The unblemished two-tone steering wheel is dressed up with a full horn ring. Speeds up to 110 mph are registered on the wide speedometer. The task of driving the big car is made easier with power brakes, power steering, power windows, power seats and antenna.

Three highly polished stainless steel bows arch overhead against the headliner to augment the illusion that

this is a convertible.

A pair of courtesy lights, one at each side of the ceiling, is just above the windows. The gearshift pattern on the Cadillac from the left reads: Neutral — Drive1 — Drive2 — Low — Reverse. The transmission is driven by the powerful 331-cubic-inch V8 engine, which produces 250 horsepower.

A new engine-hood pad now graces the inside of the hood. Abell noticed scratches on the right front

fender where belt buckles of carefree people working on the engine had left their mark.

That fender was repainted, and it perfectly matches the rest of the maize yellow car. The top is painted alpine white. All the hoses were replaced, and Abell flushed out the engine and installed new freeze plugs.

"I've found if you can keep an engine running cool, it'll run happily," Abell said. The gold-plated Cadillac

wreath and crests and big "V" on the hood and trunk were replicated, as well as the gold "Coupe de Ville" label on each side of the car.

Soon after some loose stitching in the upholstery around the driver's seat was resewn, Abell proclaimed his effort at preserving the remarkable Cadillac complete.

When his grandson, Jason Cole, asked to use the car in his wedding with his bride, Janet, Abell eagerly obliged. The '55 Cadillac performed



## Keane

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engine, you'll never see this coupe on the NASCAR circuit; you'll see the Cavalier in the commuter traffic lanes.

Fuel economy is appealing: EPA mileage rating of 23 city and 33 highway.

This car comes with stainless steel exhaust and platinum-tipped spark plugs that last up to 100,000 miles, as well as extended-life coolant that doesn't require changing for 5 years or 150,000 miles.

The car also features battery run-down protection, plus dual break-away sport sideview mirrors, and rear window defogger. The metal parts of the body have two-sided galvanized steel.

All these features either reduce the maintenance schedule or give more longevity to the vehicle. Incidentally, the Cavalier models also include a sedan and convertible.

I have had a little bit of seat time in those cars, too. The one thing all had in common was an overall comfortable environment.

For example, the driver's seats were easy to adjust and they had a tilt-wheel steering columns. These amenities allowed me to sit comfortably and enjoy my drive.

As for safety, the Z24 has front-wheel ABS, dual airbags, daytime running lamps, reenforced safety-cage construction, adjustable upper safety belt anchors, — the works.

Within easy reach were many of the thoughtful features, such as coin holders, cup holders, power windows, power door locks, cruise control, intermittent variable wipers, plus numerous other comforts.

The radio is conveniently located above the air conditioning/heating system.

Even when the key is removed from the ignition, the radio remains on until the door is opened.

Keep in mind that all these nice features (plus many others) are standard equipment.

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sound system does a fine job, the company now offers an uplevel sound system that uses Radio Data System.

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Interested? It cost an extra \$180. Or do you want a four-speed automatic transmission with traction control?

That's an extra option, too. How about a power sunroof? More money.

But, for the most part, the Z24 comes well equipped and offers a lot of car for the money.

SPECIFICATIONS	
2000 CHEVROLET CAVALIER Z24 COUPE VEHICLE TYPE.....	5-passenger, 2-door coupe
BASE PRICE.....	\$16,365 (as tested: \$16,875)
ENGINE TYPE.....	4-cylinder DOHC w/SFI
DISPLACEMENT.....	2.4-liter
HORSEPOWER (net).....	150 at 5600 rpm
TORQUE (lb-ft).....	155 at 4400 rpm
TRANSMISSION.....	5-speed manual
WHEELBASE.....	104 in. 2644 mm
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Along with the original Herman, in addition to a soft-top "Leatherback" model, the company manufactures an all-terrain model, with beefed-up suspension and wheels for off-road situations. The Herman Sport Performance Trailer retails for \$1,995, plus shipping and handling.

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## Engines designed for 87 octane should use 87 octane

Dear Doctor: We own a 1989 Mercury Grand Marquis. When I use 87 octane gasoline, the engine hesitates on acceleration. When I use 93 octane gasoline, the engine is smoother but idles higher. What is the problem? — Dick

Dear Dick: Your car is designed to run on 87 octane gasoline. The first thing to have done is both a key-on engine-off and an engine-running check of trouble codes.

Has the car had a recent tune-up or complete engine performance test? At 10 years old, sensors get lazy and carbon builds up in the throttle body, EGR valve, and combustion chambers. Low fuel pressure will also affect performance.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 GMC 4x4, 350 V8 engine with 35,000 miles. My question is twofold. At start-up, I can hear a faint knock that lasts a few seconds.

Having never experienced this noise with any other vehicle, I went back to the dealer where I purchased the truck. He said there was nothing wrong, and these engines will sometimes have some noise upon start up. I did get my concern documented on the dealer's service order. My second question is how do I get more engine response? I am considering dual exhaust, computer upgrade and a better air intake system. Are there any downside risks? — Roy

Dear Ray: A slight engine knock or tick upon cold overnight engine start up is not unusual. The same knock can sometimes be heard when the oil and filter are changed, and the oil filter is not filled before installation. If you hold the engine rpm at 3,000 for one minute and there is no engine noise heard, I would not be concerned. The knock sound upon start-up is usually from clearance between the connecting rod bearings and crank shaft or pistons and cylinder wall. A ticking sound is mostly from hydraulic valve lifters leaking down. It may be a good idea to check the oil pressure gauge with a mechanical gauge.

As for performance upgrades, I suggest the Dynomax single outlet exhaust (not the dual tail pipe system), along with the HyperTech computer re-programmer with the 160 degree thermostat and cold air intake system, if available. If a fresh air intake system is not available, the stock AC brand air filter is all you need. There is no need to buy an expensive aftermarket replacement filter element.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1991 Pontiac Grand Am four cylinder with 60,000 miles on it. My problem is a hard-start condition if the car sits for more than five hours. During a cold spell, I killed the battery trying to start the engine.

I got the car towed, the battery replaced, and the engine tuned up. But the hard-start problem still exists. The mechanic at the shop said the problem could be the fuel pump at a cost of \$350. That's a lot of money for a part that may not fix the problem. Can you help? — Joe

Dear Joe: The first thing you need to do is find a technician who will hook up a fuel pressure and spark tester to the car. Results will show the technician the amount of spark and fuel pressure. Both are very critical upon start-up and driving. My first thought is lack of fuel, possible

low fuel pressure, or even out-of-range coolant sensor.

Dear Doctor: In October 1999, I purchased a 1993 Lincoln Continental 3.8-liter V6 with 74,000 miles. Currently the mileage is 84,000 miles. My oil consumption is a quart every 500 to 600 miles. Gas mileage is still good at 24 mpg on the highway.

There is no sign of smoke under the hood or out the exhaust. — Steve

Dear Steve: The 3.8-liter V6 engine in your car has a history of faulty heads and head gaskets. Bottom end bearings have also been a problem.

The oil is most likely flowing by the valves and burning evenly in the combustion chambers. That is why there is little or no visible smoke out the exhaust. Make sure the PCV system has vacuum and is working. You may also want to use a heavier weight engine oil, like 20/50. The expense to remove the cylinder heads, and resurface and repair the heads is \$1,700 minimum. At that price a quart of oil seems inexpensive.

Dear Doctor: Recently I purchased a 1982 Oldsmobile with 108,000 miles. The engine does not use any oil between changes but does idle rough at stoplights and hesitates upon take-off. The serviceman said the carburetor needs to be overhauled. The cost is around \$400. Is there any other way of fixing the problem at a lesser cost? — Harold

Dear Harold: A \$400 carburetor overhaul is very reasonable. If the carburetor is the problem, let the shop rebuild or replace it with a rebuilt unit. You may also have the shop check for a weak EGR valve or small vacuum leak.

Dear Doctor: In 1995, I purchased a new Ford Escort. Since new, the car has a noticeable rattle in the front end when I travel over small bumps in the road. The dealer replaced the front struts and rack and pinion steering unit with no luck. What else could cause the rattle? — Sal

Dear Sal: Whoever checks the car out should look at the sway bar bushings (if equipped), upper strut mount plates, caliper and brake pads. A loose pad or worn caliper mount will cause rattles over bumps.

Dear Doctor: In 1995, I purchased a new 1994 Dodge Dakota pickup truck. In less than 20,000 miles, the transmission let go, followed by four new fuel gauge sending units with the fuel pump attached.

The fifth one, a tank fuel sender, is now broken again and the garage wants \$420 to fix the problem. I called Chrysler and the company agreed to pay half the cost. I am 68 years old and have bought Chrysler products the last 30-plus years. What would you suggest? — Billy

Dear Billy: I agree with you. Chrysler should step up and replace the in-fuel sender at no cost to you. If this prob-

lem happened to me, I would not buy another Chrysler product.

Dear Doctor: We own a 1988 Jeep 4.0-liter, six-cylinder automatic transmission with 150,000 miles. The first problem is a jerking-like misfire at any speed.

The Jeep will sometimes stall out at a traffic light. We had a major tune-up, battery 02 sensor and alternator replacement and we still have the same problem. We also had the fuel injectors cleaned and fuel filter replaced. A local shop suggested to replace the stator in the distributor.

The second problem is a terrible oil leak. What can you suggest? — James

Dear James: The jerking sensation you have does sound like a cylinder cutting out. The stalling would indicate more than one cylinder cutting out.

The trick is finding the source of the problem. This situation will require some test equipment and a technician that has knowledge of your Jeep. The oil leaks I find in most 4.0-liter, six-cylinder Jeeps are caused by the rear main oil seals. Most have

a two-piece seal and require an oil pan removal. It's at least a five-hour job.

Dear Doctor: I am a do-it-yourselfer and read your column each week. I own a 1951 Pontiac Chief.

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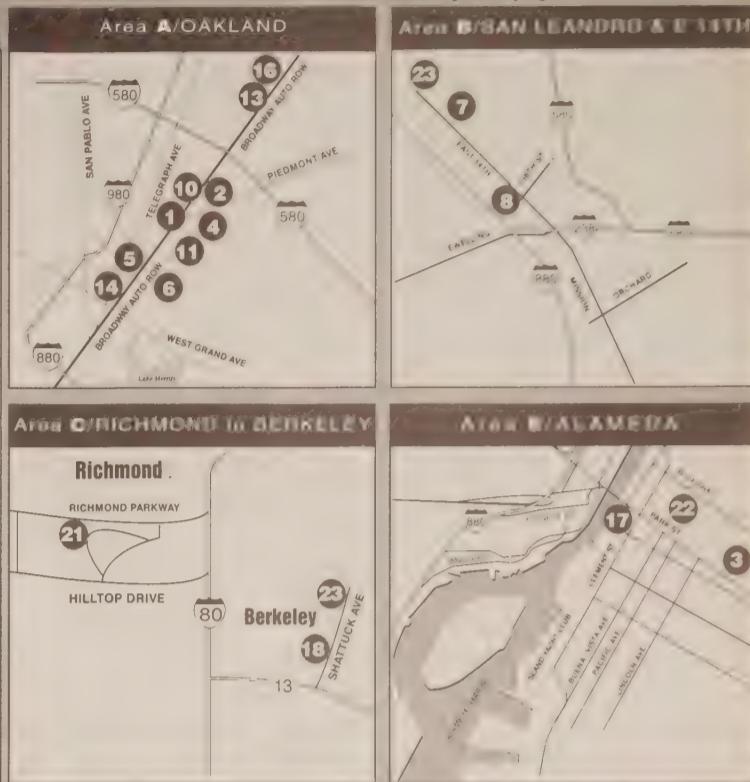
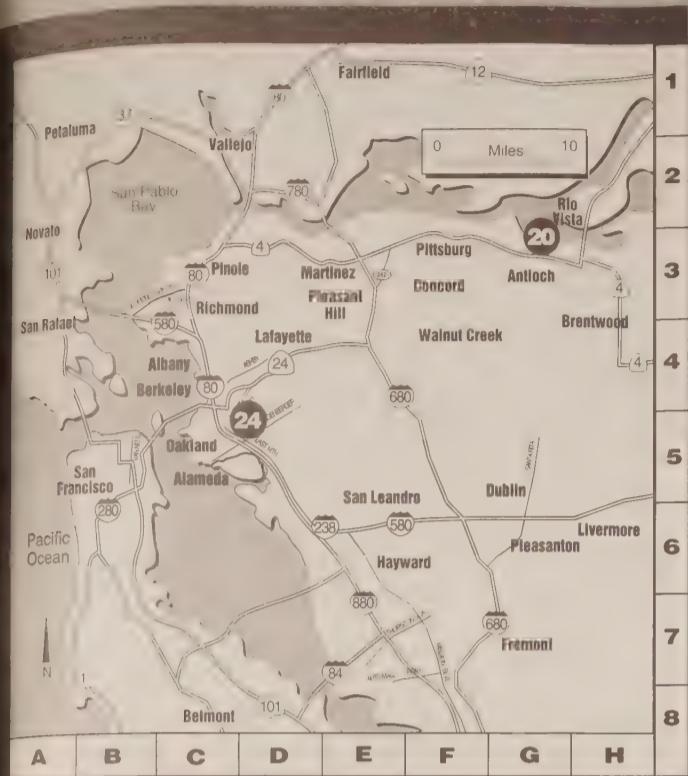
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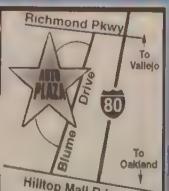
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Ideal candidate will have strong problem-solving, analytical and communication skills. Must be PC literate in Word and Excel. NACM courses a plus. No prior credit or collections experience required. Strong attention to detail. Excellent benefit package and team environment.

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We offer a competitive salary and benefits package, as well as excellent communication & interpersonal skills. You must be able to work independently as well as with a team environment. Occasional local travel, must have reliable transportation.

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## Turning those fresh tomatoes into devilishly delectable dishes

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fresh tomatoes are at their peak in most parts of the country from now through September. Eaten as is or used to their color and flavor to cooked dishes, they are as much a favorite on dining tables as in those summertime baskets.

If you want to really enjoy this year's crop of tomatoes there are some tomato lore and tips for choosing, preserving and preparing them:

■ The tomato was classified a vegetable in 1893 for trade purposes by the American government, but botanically it is a fruit, a berry member of the nightshade family of plants.

■ To preserve the high value of tomatoes' nutrients, which include vitamins C, A and B, potassium, iron and phosphorus, tomatoes at room temperature and eat them soon after they have been picked.

■ Do not let picked tomatoes sit in the sun, but avoid refrigerating them if possible because their flesh becomes pulpy and flavor fades in cold temperatures.

■ Choose tomatoes that have

good color and are fragrant. They should be firm, giving slightly to palm pressure and heavy for their size.

■ To ripen tomatoes, put them with an apple in a paper bag with several holes punched in it and leave them at room temperature for a few days.

■ Scooped-out tomatoes make efficient, attractive containers for stuffing with chilled summer salads, including tuna and chicken, for summer meals.

■ When recipes call for peeled tomatoes, use a paring knife to peel them carefully, keeping the peel in a long ribbon that can be used to make flower-shaped garnishes.

### Technicolor Tomatoes

Find the freshest tomatoes available in as many different colors as possible to make this simple preparation, and serve it as a side dish, salad, salsa or relish.

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1/2 cup olive oil  
Salt and pepper to taste  
2 1/2 pounds assorted red, yellow

and orange tomatoes, chopped  
1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, shredded

In a large bowl, whisk together the vinegar, garlic and olive oil. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add the tomatoes and gently toss.

To shred the basil, stack several leaves on top of each other. Roll the stack into a cigar shape. Using a paring knife, cut the roll into very thin slices.

Repeat the process until all the basil is shredded. Sprinkle the shreds over the tomatoes and serve. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Recipe from Cutco Cutlery  
Free kitchen guide, "How To Choose and Use Cutlery," including more pointers to vegetable cutting, chopping and slicing, available by calling 800-828-0488.

### That perfectly roasted tomato

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The keys to perfect roasted tomatoes are coating them in oil and roasting them at a low oven temperature — 300 degrees. The result will be soft, intensely sweet and tangy tomatoes.

Roasting draws out the moisture in tomatoes, caramelizes their juices and ultimately shrinks them to half of their original thickness.

Tomatoes can be roasted at a high oven temperature (500 degrees) in about one quarter of the time, but the resulting flavor will not be nearly as intense.

The recipe here calls for peeling tomatoes first. If you prefer, you can pull the skin off once the roasted tomato is cool enough to touch.

These tomatoes are delicious hot or cold and can be used in many ways: alongside grilled fish or chicken; in salad, pasta or risotto, or on a sandwich.

Roasted tomatoes can be stored in the refrigerator, covered in the oil left from roasting, for four to five days.

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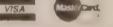
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## Roasted

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### Roasted Tomatoes

ADAPTED FROM FINE COOKING MAGAZINE

Preparation time: 20 minutes  
Cooking time: 2 hours 50 minutes  
Yield: 8 tomatoes

8 ripe tomatoes, see note  
1/3 cup olive oil  
Kosher salt

1. Heat oven to 300 degrees. Heat large pot of water to boiling. Remove core from top of tomatoes; cut small cross at smooth end. Boil

Peel tomatoes before roasting, then remove the seeds and inside flesh. Olive oil drizzled on the tomatoes keeps them moist; salt will draw out their rich flavor.

tomatoes about 30 seconds. Immediately remove to large bowl of ice water. Peel; cut in half; remove seeds and inside flesh.

2. Place tomatoes cut side down on baking sheet lined with parchment paper or aluminum foil. Flatten each. Brush tomatoes with oil. Sprinkle with salt. Roast until tomatoes shrivel and start to brown on edges, 2 1/2-3 hours.

## Dishing out some chilled fresh tomato soup

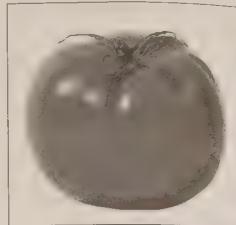
Here's a recipe guaranteed to bring the true taste of

By Jane Snow  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

tomatoes. After roasting, the tomatoes slip right off.

The tomatoes are pureed with a halved onion that was roasted alongside, then combined in a soup pot with garlic and chicken broth.

After simmering to further concentrate the flavor, a splash of cream is stirred in. The cream



rounds off the acidic edges

Most of the tomato seeds are hacked up during pureeing, and the few that remain in the finished soup didn't bother me. If you want, though, you can press the tomato pulp through a fine-mesh sieve before adding it to the soup pot.

The soup is served chilled, with a swirl of basil pureed in olive oil. Yum. It tastes like summer

Now that I have a recipe, all I need is a few sun-ripened, local tomatoes. I'll leave the porch light on for you.

### Chilled Fresh Tomato Soup

6 large tomatoes (about 3 1/2 lbs.)  
1 medium onion, peeled and halved

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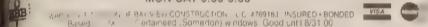
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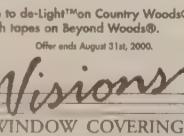
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# Spring or summer: bring on those onion rings

sweet onions, once available only from March through June, now are available all summer long

By Jane Snow  
Your Hot RODDER NEWSPAPERS  
The sweet taste of spring now  
turns into summer, thanks to  
sweet-growers who know a good  
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Sweet onions, once available  
only from March through June,  
are now available all summer  
long — and then some. Some  
of the storage onions even show  
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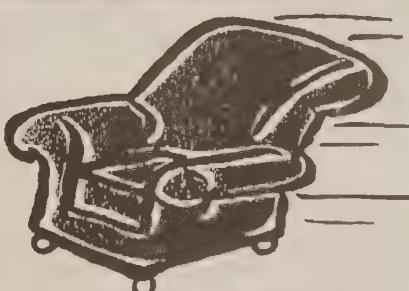
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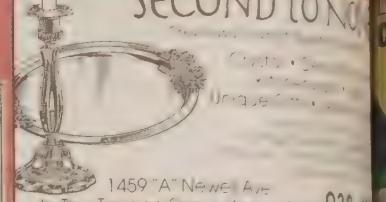
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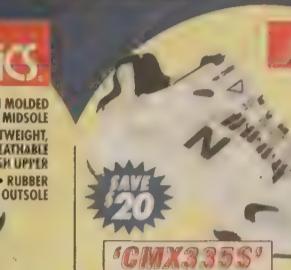
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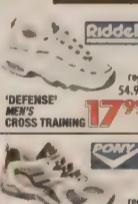
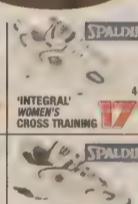
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Choose from  
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1 GALLON  
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• Colorful perennial  
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• Sun to half shade  
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• For construction,  
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8" X 24"  
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• Kit includes standards,  
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52" BRUSHED NICKEL  
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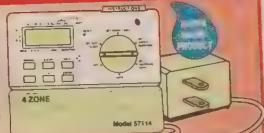
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4 ZONE

Model ET114

- 4 stations water from 1-99 minutes
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3/4" X 10'  
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3/4" X 10'  
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Heavy Duty

### TEKNOR APEX ULTRA FLEXIBLE LIFETIME GUARANTEED GARDEN HOSE

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- 5/8" x 25'

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For heavy duty  
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### RAIN BIRD DRIP WATERING

### VEGETABLE GARDEN KIT

- Self-cleaning mini inline dripers provide even watering directly to the plant
- Better growth-higher yield with less water

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### RAIN BIRD CONTAINER

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### ADJUSTABLE PATTERN SINGLE STREAM GEAR DRIVE SPRINKLER

- For medium to large lawns
- 33 ft. - 46 ft. spacing
- Adjustable from 45° to 325° gear pattern
- Sealed casting & special wiper seal keeps debris out

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### 30" METAL WATER WAND

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- 4-pack

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### 1 GALLON READY-TO-USE HOME PEST INSECT KILLER

- Can be used indoors and outdoors
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- 20" x 22" x 43"
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### 10" VERBENA OR PORTULACA HANGING BASKETS

Your Choice

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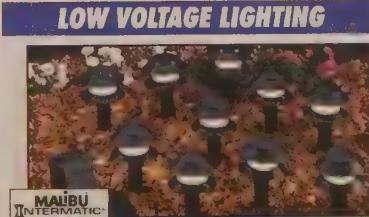
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KIT INCLUDES:

- 10 tier lights
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FLAT WALL & CEILING PAINT  
• Ideal for spray or roller applications  
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ACRYLIC  
LATEX CAULK  
WITH SILICONE  
• White  
• Superior quality moisture  
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METAL PAN,  
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• Transforms ordinary  
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**16' HOUSEHOLD DUTY  
ALUMINUM EXTENSION  
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- Type III, 200 lb. duty rating
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**6' COMMERCIAL DUTY  
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• Type II, 225 lb. duty rating  
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• For commercial use like painting  
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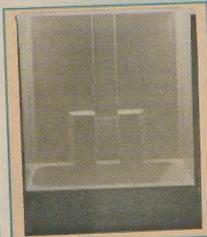
- White
- Built in soap dish

#1383C

**\$187**

36" WHITE  
SHOWER STALL  
#1383C

**\$198**



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BATHWARE

### 5 FT. WHITE TUB SHOWER COMBINATION

- White
- Right or left hand
- 1-piece

#2603-30

**\$198**



WHITE TILE-IN  
#212-3220-00

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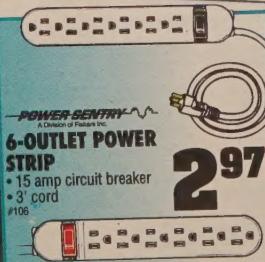
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- Color extra
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- White

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### 6-OUTLET POWER STRIP

- 15 amp circuit breaker
- 3' cord

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- Washerless
- Chrome plated
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### TWO HANDLE CHROME KITCHEN FAUCET

- Washerless
- Chrome plated
- Acrylic handles

#ET200FA

**17.97**

### TWO HANDLE CHROME KITCHEN FAUCET WITH SPRAY

- 1/4 turn washerless valve
- Includes pop-up assembly

**24.98**

### CHROME DECORATOR FAUCET WITH POLISHED BRASS ACCENTS

- 1/4 turn washerless valve

- Includes pop-up assembly

**59.99**



### CHROME HI-SPOUT KITCHEN FAUCET WITH SPRAY

- 1/4 turn washerless valve
- Polished chrome finish
- Deluxe high spout for convenience

#ET2104CH

**39.97**



### PRICE PFISTER<sup>®</sup> GENESIS SINGLE CONTROL FAUCET WITH PULL-OUT SPRAY

- Ceramic disc valve
- guaranteed never to leak
- For 1 hole, or 8" mounting

#538-6090 CHP/WHT

**79**

**\$139**



### APOLLO ROUND ONE-PIECE TOILET

- White
- Low water consumption
- only 1.6 gallons of water per flush
- Seat extra

#K-2463

**53¢**



### SYLVANIA 4 PACK SOFT WHITE LIGHT BULBS

- 60, 75 or 100 watt

**4.68**



### SYLVANIA 250' HOUSEWIRE COIL

- 14-2MM WITH  
GROUND

**16.56**

**23.25**

**3.97**

### LEVITON ELECTRICAL DEVICES

#### GROUNDED RECEPTACLE

- Ivory

#303-5320-ICP

**44¢**

**3.80**

#### GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTOR

- Rated 15 amp
- Includes wall plate
- White or Ivory

#2001/2000

**7.47**

**9.80**

**LEVITON**

#633-6698-I

#### SINGLE POLE QUIET SWITCH

- Ivory

#204-1451-ICP

**53¢**

**4.68**

#### 14-2MM WITH GROUND

- 12-2MM WITH  
GROUND

**16.56**

**23.25**

**3.97**

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# PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, DESIGN & DELIVERY AT **Yard BIRDS**



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### REBEL OAK III

Construction fully assembled cabinets with drawer and door fronts. Additionally includes solid oak face frames and self-closing. Warm golden maple stain with finish is durable, stain resistant, and long lasting.



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### SIERRA OAK III

Wood construction with recessed panel door in solid oak frame. Solid oak door fronts & cabinet face frame. Adjustable shelves, pre-finished interior.

Deluxe dual side mount drawer glides.  
Stain resistant Light Oak finish.



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### ROYAL OAK II

All wood construction with solid oak raised panel door, drawer fronts & face frames. Adjustable shelves. Pre-finished all wood interior.

Deluxe dual side mount drawer glides.  
Durable stain resistant Golden Oak finish.



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### IMPERIAL III

Wood construction fully assembled cabinets with thermo foil doors and drawer fronts. Additional features include solid maple face frames. Blum concealed hinges, hardwood dovetailed drawers with epoxy coated dual drawer glides. White laminated interiors are bright and easy to clean. Thick, durable satin white cabinet finish looks great, cleans easily, and brightens up any kitchen decor.

**1075<sup>62</sup>**

10' X 10'  
PACKAGE

**1450<sup>31</sup>**

10' X 10'  
PACKAGE

**2019<sup>94</sup>**

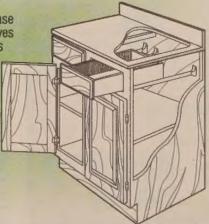
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PACKAGE

**2088<sup>39</sup>**

### QUALITY CABINETS FEATURE PACKED & BARGAIN PRICED



- Wood construction
- Non-marring, oven baked finish
- All wood drawer boxes are strong and durable
- Side mounted enameled glides are smooth & efficient
- Full depth base cabinet shelves
- Wall cabinets have fully adjustable shelves
- Self-closing hinges
- Solid wood face frames
- All joints are glued



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### 24" X 18" AUTUMN OAK VANITY

• Solid oak drawer fronts & face frames

• V-Groove panel oak door

• Fully assembled

• Marble top & faucet extra

#CYOB-2418

**\$159**

AVAILABLE IN  
DEPTH BY  
SPECIAL ORDER

36" X 18"  
2 DOOR &  
3 DRAWER  
#CYOB-3618

48" X 18"  
2 DOOR &  
3 DRAWER  
#YB-4818

**JENSON**  
24" X 18"  
RICHMOND  
SATIN WHITE VANITY

- Thermo-foil satin finish wrapped doors
- Solid brass hardware
- Fully assembled
- Top & faucet extra
- #JR2418DR-W

AVAILABLE IN  
21" DEPTH BY  
SPECIAL ORDER

**\$159**

30" X 18"  
1 DOOR &  
3 DRAWER  
#JR3018DR-W

36" X 18"  
2 DOOR &  
3 DRAWER  
#JR3618DR-W

48" X 18"  
2 DOOR &  
8 DRAWER  
#JR4818DR-W (As Shown)

**JENSON**  
24" X 18"  
JEFFERSON  
SHAKER SOLID  
MAPLE VANITY

- Solid maple handcrafted vanity base with hardware
- Durable long lasting finish
- Fully assembled
- 1 door & 3 drawer
- Top & faucet extra
- #JR2418DR-M

AVAILABLE IN  
21" DEPTH BY  
SPECIAL ORDER

**\$229**

30" X 18"  
DOOR &  
3 DRAWER  
#JR3018DR-M (As Shown)

36" X 18"  
2 DOOR &  
3 DRAWER  
#JR3618DR-M (As Shown)

48" X 18"  
2 DOOR &  
8 DRAWER  
#JR4818DR-M

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### 30" X 21" GEORGETOWN NATURAL CHERRY VANITY

- Solid Cherry handcrafted vanity base with hardware
- Durable long lasting finish
- Fully assembled
- vanity base
- 1 door & 3 drawer
- Top & faucet extra
- #G3021DR-M

AVAILABLE IN  
18" DEPTH BY  
SPECIAL ORDER

**\$349**

36" X 21"  
2 DOOR & 3 DRAWER  
#G3621DR-M (As Shown)

48" X 21"  
2 DOOR & 8 DRAWER  
#G4821DR-M

**\$569**

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### HEPAtech 110 SPECIAL BUY PORTABLE AIR PURIFICATION SYSTEM

- 250 cfm will change the air 6 times per hour in a 17' x 18' room
- CADR rated to clean a 12' x 14' room
- 3 speed fan
- 99.00 Value!

#30110

**\$69**



### HEPAtech 165 SPECIAL BUY PORTABLE AIR PURIFICATION SYSTEM

- 250 cfm will change the air 6 times per hour in a 17' x 18' room
- CADR rated to clean a 17' x 18' room
- 3 speed fan
- 129.99 Value!

#30165

**99.99**

### GABLE MOUNT ATTIC FAN

- Automatic thermostat
- Cools up to 2400 sq. ft.
- 1300 CFM
- #CX1500

**34.97**



### 1650 CFM GABLE MOUNT ATTIC FAN

- Lifetime warranty • #CX2500EE

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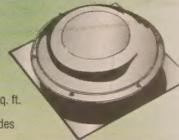
42"



### 42" 4 BLADE WHITE CEILING FAN

- Light kit included
- Hugger style mount
- 5 year warranty
- #1063-3HWH

52"



### 52" CEILING FAN

- Available in white, antique or polished brass
- Adaptable to flush or downrod styles
- 3 speed reversible motor
- Light kit adaptable
- #1055

42"



### 22 1/2" BBQ KETTLE

**79.70**

### weber 18 1/2" ONE-TOUCH KETTLE BARBECUE

- Heavy gauge steel with black porcelain enamel inside & out
- Enjoy complete cooking control
- #441001 SILVER

**59.70**



### 12" TURBINE ROOF VENTILATOR

- Reduces attic temperature
- Complete with adjustable base
- Mill finish
- #CX0012

14" TURBINE  
#CX0014

**14.88**



### WHITE RESIN STACK CHAIR

- Won't fade, chip or peel
- Weather resistant
- Strong & durable
- #4032-W7

HUNTER GREEN  
RESIN STACK CHAIR  
#4032-G5

**3.91**

**4.91**

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